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EMBRACING THE
LETTERS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Committee of Correspondence and Inquiry
OF

VIRGINIA AND THE OTHER COLONIES,

From March 12, 1773, to April 7, 1775:

ALSO THE
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PREFACE.

It is necessary to state in explanation of the fact that the subjects embraced in this volume are not in chronological sequence with the preceding volumes, that they were not discovered until the papers of those volumes had been calendared. Their value need not be impaired thereby, as they constitute matters of Colonial history, never, it is confidently believed, heretofore given to the public.

The letters of the "Committees of Correspondence" indicate the gradual development of the scheme for National Independence, which inspired the minds and hearts of the Fathers of the Republic. In the perusal of these, no Virginian can fail to feel a just pride in the part acted by his own State, and the position accorded to her by the sister Colonies for patriotism, resolution and wisdom.

The records of the "Committee of Safety" show that upon it devolved mainly the organization and equipment of the army and navy of Virginia, which constituted so large a portion of the force which wrested our land from the dominion of Great Britain after a seven years' war. In these will be found much that is highly interesting to the descendants of those brave ancestors, who contributed to this grand result.

It is proper to state that in the copy made, the language and spelling has been strictly followed.

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LETTERS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Committee of Correspondence and Inquiry

OF THE

COLONY OF VIRGINIA,

From March 12th, 1773, to April 7th, 1775.

BY THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES, FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH, 1773.

Whereas the minds of his Majesty's faithful subjects in this Colony have been much disturbed by various rumors and reports of proceedings tending to deprive them of their ancient, legal and constitutional Rights; and whereas the affairs of this Colony are frequently connected with those of Great Britian, as well as the neighboring Colonies which renders a communication of Sentiments necessary: In order, therefore, to remove the uneasiness and to quiet the minds of the people as well as for other good purposes above mentioned—

Be it resolved, That a standing committee of correspondence and inquiry be appointed to consist of eleven persons, to-wit: the honorable Peyton Randolph, Esquire, Robert Carter Nicholas, Richard Bland, Richard Henry Lee, Benjamin Harrison, Edmund Pendleton, Patrick Henry, Dudley Digges, Dabney Carr, Archibald Cary, and Thomas Jefferson, Esquires, any six of whom to be a committee, whose business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the British Parliament or proceedings of administration as may relate to or affect the British Colonies in America; and to keep up and maintain a correspondence and communication with our sister Colonies respecting those important considerations; and the result of such their proceedings from time to time to lay before this House.

Resolved, That it be an instruction to the said committee that they do

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without delay inform themselves particularly of the principles and authority on which was constituted a court of enquiry, said to have been lately held in Rhode Island, with powers to transport persons accused of offences committed in America to places beyond the seas to be tried.

Resolved, That the Speaker do transmit to the Speakers of the different Assemblies of the British Colonies on this Continent, copies of the said Resolutions and desire that they will lay them before their respective Assemblies and request them to appoint some person or persons of their respective bodies to communicate from time to time with the said committee.

Williams-
burg, March
13, 1773

At a meeting of the Committee of Correspondence and Inquiry, at Williamsburg, on Saturday, the 13th of March, 1773:

Present—The honorable Peyton Randolph, Esquire, Robert Carter Nicholas, Richard Bland, Benjamin Harrison, Richard Henry Lee, Dudley Digges, Archibald Cary, Dabney Carr, and Thomas Jefferson, Esquires.

Resolved, That John Tazewell be appointed clerk of this committee, and he is to keep a fair record of the proceedings thereof from time to time. Peyton Randolph, Robert Carter Nicholas, and Dudley Digges, Esquires, are appointed a select corresponding committee, and they are directed to request of the Speakers of the Assemblies for the Colonies of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York, a full account of the principles and authority on which was constituted a Court of Enquiry, said to have been lately held in the Colony of Rhode Island, together with an authentic copy of their commission and proceedings.

Also to procure a copy of an Act of Parliament passed in the present year of his Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for the better preserving his Majesty's Dock-yards, Magazines, Ships, Amunition, and Stores," and all other Acts of Parliament which now are or may hereafter may be passed relating to the affairs of the British Colonies on the Continent of America, and copies of the Journals of the House of Commons from — to the present time, as also of their proceedings in future sessions of Parliament.

The corresponding members above mentioned are empowered to call meetings of this committee whenever any emergency may require their immediate attention.

Ordered, That copies of the Acts of Assembly intituled "An Act for making it Felony to forge the paper currency of the other Colonies," be immediately transmitted to the Speakers of the several Assemblies on the Continent.

Williams-
burg, April
6, 1773

At a meeting of the Select Committee of Correspondence, at Williamsburg, on Tuesday, the 6th of April, 1773:

Present—The honorable Peyton Randolph, Esquire, Robert Carter Nicholas, and Dudley Digges, Esqrs.

The committee came to a resolution to correspond with Mr. John Norton, of London, merchant, and directed a letter to be prepared requesting him to send them a copy of an Act of Parliament, passed in the present year of his Majesty's reign, intituled An Act for the better preserving his Majesty's Dock-yards, Magazines, Ships, Amunition and Stores, the Journals of the House of Commons from the session in 1765-6, and all other Acts of Parliament and proceedings of administration which may affect this or any of the Colonies on the Continent.

Williams-
burg, April
6, 1773

A letter to Mr. Norton being accordingly prepared, was presented to the committee read and agreed to as follows:

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA, *April 6th, 1773.*

SIR:

At a late session of our Assembly, the House of Burgesses judged it necessary to enter into several resolves, of which we take the liberty of enclosing you a copy, and at a general meeting of the committee they thought proper to appoint us three members of their body a select corresponding committee, with an injunction that we should take the earliest opportunity of procuring such Acts of Parliament and Journals of the British House of Commons, and all other authentic intelligencies which may answer the expectations and further the views of the House of Burgesses. Upon considering of a person in England with whom we could correspond with advantage, our attention was presently drawn to you as a gentleman of integrity and well known attachment to the interest of this Colony. We, therefore, desire the favor of you to procure and transmit to us, by the first good opportunity, a copy of an Act of Parliament, passed in the present year of his Majesty's reign, intituled An Act for the better preserving his Majesty's Dock-yards, Magazines, Ships, Ammunition and Stores, and of all other Acts or Resolutions of Parliament, or proceedings of administration lately passed or entered into, or which may hereafter take place, by which all or any of the Colonies on the Continent of America may be, either immediately or eventually affected. The Treasurer, some years ago, by order of the House of Burgesses, imported Journals in folio down to the Session of Parliament in the year 1765-6, inclusive, and as we are directed to have the collection made complete and continued so from time to time, we desire that you will also send us the whole Journals at large from the period above mentioned. We shall hope to hear from you by the first ship, and desire that your letters on these subjects may be directed to Peyton Randolph, Esq'r.

We are Sir, your mo: ob't Servants,

PEYTON RANDOLPH,
ROB'T CARTER NICHOLAS,
DUDLEY DIGGES.

Williams-
burg, April
6, 1773

Ordered, That the said letter and a duplicate thereof be sent by the first Ships.

Ordered, That letters be prepared to the Speakers of the several Assemblies for the Colonies of Maryland, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York, requesting an account of the principles and authority on which was constituted a Court of Enquiry, said to have been lately held in Rhode Island, together with an authentic copy of their commission and proceedings.

A letter was accordingly prepared to the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the province of Massachusetts Bay, which being read and approved of by the Committee, is as follows:

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA, *April 6th, 1773.*

SIR:

The Speaker of the House of Burgesses of this Colony having transmitted to you a copy of the resolutions entered into by their House at their last session, constituting a Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry, permit us to refer you to those resolutions. That committee have appointed us a select corresponding committee, and in pursuance of direction we are now to request the favour of you to transmit us a full account of the principles and authority on which was constituted a Court of Enquiry, said to have been lately held in the Colony of Rhode Island, with powers to transport persons accused of Offences committed in America, to places beyond the seas to be tried, together with an authentic copy of their commission and proceedings.

We have it also in command, to transmit to you a copy of an Act of our Assembly, made at their last session, to prevent counterfeiting the currency of other Colonies. This Colony having of late years sustained the greatest injury by having their paper currency forged, and it having been represented to our General Assembly that the principle author of this mischief is an inhabitant of North Carolina, they judged it necessary, as well to prevent such dangerous practices in future, as to show their regard for other Colonies, to pass this Act.

Our Governor will transmit copies of this law to the different Governors on the Continent with a request that they would be pleased to recommend it to their several Assemblies to enact laws of the same import respecting Virginia, and we are to request your countenance and assistance upon so important an occasion.

We have the honor to be very respectfully,

Sir, your mo: ob't serv'ts,

PEYTON RANDOLPH,
RO. CARTER NICHOLAS,
DUDLEY DIGGES.

Also a letter of the same import to the Speaker of the General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in New England. Williamsburg, April 6, 1773

Also to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of Connecticut.

Also to the Speaker of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York.

Ordered, That the said letters be sent by next post.

Copy of a letter agreed to by the Committee and ordered to be sent:

To the Speaker of ———,

Of The Commons House of Assembly of the province of South Carolina.

Of The House of Representatives of the province of Pennsylvania.

Of The House of Delegates of the province of Maryland.

Of The House of Representatives of the Colony of North Carolina.

Of The House of Representatives of the Government of the Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex upon Delaware.

Of the Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey.

Of the House of Representatives of the province of New Hampshire.

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA, *April 6th, 1773.*

SIR:

This Colony having of late years sustained the greatest injury by having their paper currency forged, and it having been represented to our General Assembly at their last session, that the supposed principal author of this mischief is an inhabitant of North Carolina, they judged it necessary, as well to prevent such dangerous practices in the future, as to shew their regard for the other Colonies, to pass an Act to prevent counterfeiting the paper currency of other Colonies. Our Governor will transmit copies of this Act to the different Governors on the Continent with a request that they would be pleased to recommend to their different Assemblies to enact laws of the same import respecting Virginia. We have it in command to furnish the Speakers of the different Assemblies with the like copies, and to request the favour of their countenance and assistance in accomplishing our wishes upon so important an occasion. We therefore take the liberty of inclosing you a copy of the Act.

We have the honor to be very respectfully,

Sir, your mo. ob't serv'ts,

PEYTON RANDOLPH,
ROBERT CARTER NICHOLAS,
DUDLEY DIGGES.

Williams-
burg, April
6, 1773

At a meeting of the Select Committee of Correspondence, at Williamsburg, on Thursday, the 6th Jan. 1774:

Present—The honorable Peyton Randolph, Esquire, Robert Carter Nicholas, and Dudley Digges, Esqrs.

A letter received from the Committee of Correspondence in Connecticut was laid before this committee and considered, and the following answer thereto agreed upon:

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WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA, *Jan. 6th, 1774.*

GENT:

We have, agreeable to your request, inquired into the proceedings of the General Court of this Colony, on the requisition made to them for Writs of Assistants to the Officers of his Majesty's Customs. We find two applications of this sort have been made by direction of the Commissioners of the Customs in Boston: One in the year 1769, the other in the year 1773, and we now inclose you copies of their Determinations, and also a copy of the Writ approved of by the judges. By the form of this it appears to have been their opinion that the Court was not warranted by the Statutes to grant the general and standing writs which the Commissioners had directed the Attorney-General to move for, but that whenever the officers thought these writs necessary, upon a motion to the Court, and an affidavit pursuant to the Statute, they would direct a proper writ to issue.

In compliance with the latter part of your request, we have attentively considered this Determination of our Supreme Court, and think it strictly conformable to the Statutes, and that the Legislature never had an idea of giving so dangerous and oppressive a power as that now claimed by the Commissioners.

The whole authority for issuing these writs depends on the Stat. 12, Caz. 2, chap. 19. For the 14th Caz. 2, chap. 11, makes no alteration in the manner of obtaining the writ; the 7th and 8th of Will. 3d, only extends the laws relative to the customs to the plantations, and the 7th Geo., 3rd, directs that the Supreme Courts in America shall have power to issue them. That Statute is in these words:

"That if any person or persons at any time after the first day of September, 1660, shall cause any goods for which Custom Subsidy or other Duties are due or payable by virtue of the Act passed this Parliament (intituled a Subsidy granted to the King of Tonnage and poundage and other sums of money payable upon merchandise exported and imported) to be landed or conveyed away without due entry thereof first made and the Customer or Collector, or his Deputy agreed with, that then and in such case upon oath thereof made before the Lord Treasurer or any of the Barons of the Exchequer or chief Magistrate of the port or place where the offence shall be committed, or the place next adjoining thereunto to issue out a warrant to any person or persons thereby enabling

him or them, with the assistance of a Sheriff, Justice of the Peace or Constable to enter into any House in the Day-Time where such Goods are suspected to be concealed, and in case of Resistance to break open such houses and to seize and secure the same goods so concealed, and all Officers and Ministers of Justice are hereby required to be aiding and assisting thereunto."

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burg, Jan'y
6, 1774

It plainly intends to prescribe a method to the Officers of Customs how they may obtain a power of entering and searching Houses, Shops, and Cellars, of breaking open doors, &c.

This they propose to do by instituting a new writ which they empower the Barons of Exchequer to issue on an information that such and such things have happened, and on an affidavit of the truth of such information. It cannot be doubted that this is a new writ, unknown to the common law, and one that affect the most essential rights and privileges of the subject, and therefore ought to receive in all Courts the most literal and restrained construction. It is well known that the Judges of England have ever considered general search warrants as illegal and dangerous, and Officers who have depended on their authority for protection have ever been disappointed.

We may venture then to affirm that the Court of Exchequer or any other Court to whom this power is transferred in issuing writs of this kind, without these previous requisites, or issuing writs conveying a power of doing these extraordinary acts at all times and on all occasions, cannot be justified under this Statute, nor are they warranted by the judgments of the Courts of Great Britain in any similar instances.

When the motion was made to the Court for these writs, the opinion of Mr. De Grey, who was then his Majesty's Attorney-General in England, was introduced and relied upon. He says:

1. "There can be no doubt but that the Superior Courts of Justice in America are bound by 7th Geo., 3rd, to issue such writs of assistants as the Court of Exchequer in England issues in similar cases to the Officers of the Customs.

2. "He seems surprized that the Chief Justice of Pennsylvania should think he was not warranted by law to issue a writ commanded by the Legislature, founded on the Common Law, enforced by Acts of Parliament, and in daily use in England, and which from the import of the 7th Will., 3rd, ought to have been set on foot from that time in America, and which Statute the late Act only meant to explain.

3. "He thinks the form of the writ issued by the Exchequer should be sent over together with the manner of applying for it and granting it by which they will see that the power of the Customhouse Officers is given by the Act Parliament and not by this writ which does nothing more than facilitate the Execution of his power by making it a contempt of the Court.

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4. "That it is not granted upon previous information nor to any particular person nor on special occasion. The inconvenience of that was experienced upon the Act of 12. Can: 2, chap. 19, and the present method adopted in lieu of what that Statute had prescribed.

We take the liberty to say upon the first point that the Courts of America are not bound to issue writs of so dangerous a nature, let the practice of the Court of Exchequer be what it will unless they are warranted by law.

To prove that they are not so we refer to what has been said before. The 7th Geo. 3, does not establish the Legality of the Writs of Assistants issued by the Exchequer, and in our opinion does only intend to direct what Courts in America shall be applied to for such writ as the Court in Exchequer may legally issue, a point which remained doubtful: a doubt arising in this case may show the propriety of what has been observed, that this Act must be cautiously confined to the letter. For information, information is to be made to the Court of Exchequer, and there being no Courts of that sort in America strictly speaking, the Legislature thought the end of that Act would be defeated unless they should vest the same power in some Court that did exist among us. Permit us to ask whether this power have ever been controverted in the Courts of Westminster, and whether on such controversy it has been conformed by the Determination of the Judges. We doubt not that Mr. De Grey would have been ready enough to quote the instances if they had ever happened.

As to the 2nd part of his argument when he asserts that these writs are commanded by the Legislature he evidently begs the question. The question between us is not whether any Writs of Assistants are commanded by the Statutes but whether the General and Standing Writ he seems so desirous of imposing on the Colonies is commanded by any Statute. This assertion therefore ought to have followed a proof that this is the writ prescribed by the Statute which he has been prudent enough not to attempt. The position that they are founded on Common Law, is entirely new, as we know of no ancient Laws and Customs that gave Officers of the Customs a right to enter Houses, Shops and Cellars, to break open doors, &c., but have always understood that the secure and unmolested enjoyment of this kind of property was a great object with our ancestors when the Constitution of our mother country was framed, and that whenever any abridgment of this right has been necessary it has always been by Acts of the Legislature, and has been generally attended with the murmurs of the people.

How they have been enforced by Acts of Parliament has been explained, one directs how they are to be procured, another directs this Act shall extend to America, and a third substitutes the Supreme Courts here in the room of the Exchequer where the application is directed to be made by the first Act. Whether they should have been set on foot from the 7th

Will. is not material in the present discussion, but we believe the objection would have been thought a good one, that the power of granting these writs is given to the Barons of the Exchequer in England and cannot be assumed by any other Court.

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burg, Jan'y
6, 1774

In the third point of this Gentleman's opinion he advises the form of this writ to be sent over to us that we might see the powers given to the Customhouse Officers were given by the Act and not by the writ. A nice distinction, very inapplicable to the present debate. Whether these powers are founded on the Act or the writ is not material in a question what those powers are. However, it had a very different effect than was expected; it alarmed us and made us suspect that it was a poisonous pill prepared for us which the learned Attorney with all his art was laboring to make palatable.

We come to the last part of the opinion and here we think he has destroyed all that he had been endeavoring to establish before. He says that the inconvenience of granting this writ on a previous information to a particular person and on a special occasion had been found under the Act of 12 Caz. 2, and the present method adopted in lieu of what that Statute prescribed. By which we may learn that this is the method prescribed by that Act, and the method which the Exchequer followed at first. Nothing can justify the adoption he talks of but an Act of Parliament allowing the judges to alter the method before prescribed. As there is no such Act, and the whole power of the Court of Exchequer depends on the 12 Caz. 2, which directs the writ to issue in the manner we contend, for we may safely conclude that the Court has been in error and that the America Courts will be wrong in this instance to follow their example.

We are sorry the subject has occasioned our being so tedious, and are with great respect,

Your mo. ob't Sts.,

PEYTON RANDOLPH,
RO. C. NICHOLAS,
DUDLEY DIGGES.

At a meeting of the Committee of Correspondence and Inquiry, at Williamsburg, on Friday, the 6th of May, 1774:

Williams-
burg, May
6, 1774

Present: The honorable Peyton Randolph, Esqr., Robert Carter Nicholas, Benjamin Harrison, Dudley Digges, Richard Bland, Richard Henry Lee, Edmund Pendleton, and Patrick Henry, Esquires.

The proceedings of the Select Committee of Correspondence were laid before this Committee and read together with the several letters which have been received from the different Colonies, all which were ordered to be laid before the House of Burgesses now sitting.

Williams-
burg, May
25, 1774

At a meeting of the Committee of Correspondence and Inquiry, at Williamsburg, Wednesday, the 25th of May, 1774:

Present: The honorable Peyton Randolph, Esquire, Robert Carter Nicholas, Richard Henry Lee, Archibald Cary, Richard Bland, Edmund Pendleton, Dudley Digges, and Thomas Jefferson, Esquires.

A letter received from the Committee of Correspondence for the Colony of New Jersey, was laid before this Committee and read.

Ordered, That the said letter be laid before the House of Burgesses now setting.

Williams-
burg, May
28, 1774

At a meeting of the Committee of Correspondence held in Williamsburg, on Saturday, the 28th of May, 1774:

Present: The honorable Peyton Randolph, Esqr., Robert C. Nicholas, Edmund Pendleton, Richard Henry Lee, Richard Bland, Benjamin Harrison, Dudley Digges, and Thomas Jefferson, Esquires.

Ordered, That letters be prepared to the several Committees of Correspondence on the Continent requesting their sentiments on the appointment of Deputies from the several Colonies to meet annually in general Congress. According

A letter was accordingly prepared to the Committee of Correspondence for Maryland, which, being read and approved by the Committee, is as follows:

WILLIAMSBURG, May 28th, 1774.

GENTLEMEN:

The inclosed papers will explain to you our present political state here with respect to the unhappy dispute with our monther cöuntry. The propriety of appointing Deputies from the several Colonies of British America to meet annually in general Congress, appears to be a measure extremely important and extensively useful, as it tends so effectually to obtain the united wisdom of the whole in every case of general concern. We are desired to obtain your sentiments on this subject, which you will be pleased furnish us with.

Being very desirous of communicating to you the opinion and conduct of the late Representatives on the present posture on American affairs as quickly as possible, we beg leave to refer you to a future letter on these subjects.

We are with Respect,

Your mo: obt. s'ts,

PEYTON RANDOLPH,
ROBERT C. NICHOLAS,
DUDLEY DIGGES.

To the Committee of Correspondence for Maryland.

Also letters of the same import to the Committee of Correspondence for Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New Castle, Kent and Sussex upon Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Williams-
burg, May
28, 1774

Ordered, That the said letters be sent by this day's post.

At a meeting of the Select Committee of Correspondence, on Tuesday, 31st of May, 1774:

Williams-
burg, May
31, 1774

Several letters from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts Bay, lately received by the Speaker, were laid before this Committee and read.

Whereupon it is ordered, That a letter be immediately prepared and sent by Express to North Carolina inclosing copies of the letters and papers received by this Committee, and also an account of the steps which had been taken in consequence thereof.

A letter was accordingly prepared and being read and approved of by the Committee, is as follows:

WILLIAMSBURG, *May 31st, 1774.*

GENT:

We take the earliest opportunity of forwarding to you by Express the inclosed papers, which are copies of such as we received last Sunday in the afternoon from Maryland. We wish most earnestly that the sentiments of our sister Colonies could have been known previous to the Association entered into by the late representatives of this Colony, a copy of which, together with the Resolution of our House of Burgesses was transmitted to you last week by post. Our Moderator upon receipt of the dispatches from Maryland, immediately convened as many members of our late House of Burgesses as could be got together upon so short a notice, and we yesterday took the important business under our most serious consideration; the result of our deliberations will best appear from the inclosed which is submitted to your Judgment. It is much to be wished that it had been in our power to have done anything more decisive at present but our situation would not admit of it as you easily see from the reasons suggested. So soon as the late Representatives have fixed their final resolves we will not fail to communicate them to you in the most expeditious manner. At present we must beg the favour of you to forward copies of all the inclosed papers, together with such resolutions as you may think fit to adopt to our friends in South Carolina, with our joint requests that they will be pleased to forward them, together with their own sentiments to Georgia. We shall hope to be favored as soon as possible with the result of all your deliberations, and have the honor to be,

Gent: your mo. ob't serv'ts,

THE COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR VIRGINIA.

The Committee of Correspondence for North Carolina.

Williams-
burg, May
31, 1774

The following letter was also agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Committee of Correspondence for Maryland:

WILLIAMSBURG, *31st May, 1774.*

GENTLEMEN:

We had the honor of writing the 28th inst. to the Speaker of your Assembly, inclosing him the resolution of our late House of Burgesses and a copy of the Association entered into by the late Representatives of Virginia upon the dissolution of our Assembly. We suppose this letter with the other papers must have to hand and that they have been communicated to you. We have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 25th inst., the several letters, &c., from Boston and Philadelphia. Our Moderator, without loss of time, immediately convened as many of the late Representatives as could be got together upon so short a notice, and we yesterday took the business under our most serious consideration. The result of our deliberations will best appear from the inclosed to which we take the liberty of referring you, and beg that it may be immediately transmitted through the hands of our friends in Philadelphia to our friends in Boston in the same manner as their sentiments and resolutions have been conveyed to us.

We wish it had been in our power to have done anything more decisive at present, but our situation would not admit of it as you will readily judge from the reasons suggested by our resolutions.

We could wish to have known the sentiments of New York. We found a letter from the Committee of Correspondence in that province mentioned in the Philadelphia letter, but no copy of it inclosed nor the purport of it mentioned.

We shall hope from time to time to be favored with the sentiments and resolutions of all our sister colonies and this in the most expeditious manner.

We have the honor to be with great respect,
Your mo. ob't s'ts,

THE COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR VIRGINIA.

To the Committee of Correspondence for Maryland.

Williams-
burg, Aug.
4, 1774

At a meeting of the Select Committee of Correspondence, at Williamsburg, on Thursday, the 4th Aug., 1774:

Ordered, That letters be prepared to the Committees of Correspondence for Maryland and Pennsylvania, inclosing copies of the resolutions for appointing Deputies on the part of this Colony to meet the Deputies for the other Colonies in General Congress.

A letter was accordingly prepared, read and approved of, and is as follows:

WILLIAMSBURG, IN VIRGINIA, *Aug. 4th, 1774.*

Williams-
burg, Aug.
4, 1774

GENTLEMEN:

Delegates from the different counties in this Colony, composed of the Representatives of the people, met in this city, on Monday last, to consider and deliberate on the present critical and alarming situation of the British America Colonies.

As these matters are still the subject of their deliberation, we cannot at present make you so fully acquainted with their determination as we could wish. The expediency and necessity however of general Congress of Deputies from the different Colonies, was so obvious, that the meeting have already come to the resolution respecting it which we now take the liberty to enclose you, and of which they have directed us to give you the earliest intelligence.

We are with great esteem Gent. your mo. ob't sts.

PEYTON RANDOLPH,
RO. C. NICHOLAS,
DUDLEY DIGGES.

To the Committee of Correspondence for Maryland.

Also a letter of the same import to the Committee of Correspondence for Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the said letters be sent by express.

At a meeting of the Select Committee of Correspondence, in the city of Williamsburg, on Friday, the 7th of April, 1775.

Williams-
burg, April
7, 1775

Ordered, That letters be prepared to the Delegates for the province of New York, and to Isaac Low, Esqr., agreeable to the resolution of the late Convention.

A letter was accordingly prepared to the Delegates, which, being read, was approved as follows:

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA, *April 7th, 1775.*

GENTLEMEN:

The late Convention of Representatives of this Colony judging it essential to the common interest of America that every proper means should be used to preserve an union of sentiments amongst the Colonies, and in case of defection that they should be able to distinguish their friends, came to a resolution of which we have by this conveyance transmitted a copy to the Committee of Correspondence of New York.

That we may omit no means of obtaining the most authentic information, we take the liberty of inclosing you a copy of the same resolution, and shall hold ourselves much obliged if you will be pleased to exert your

Williams- particular endeavours to enable us to make a satisfactory report to our
burg, April next Convention or Assembly.
7, 1775

We are, very respectfully, y^r mo. ob^t S^{ts},

PEYTON RANDOLPH,
RO. C. NICHOLAS,
DUDLEY DIGGES.

To Isaac Low, James Duane, John Jay, Phil. Livingston, John Alsop,
Will. Floyd, Henry Wisner, John Herring, and S. Borrum, Esq^{rs}.

And also a letter to the Committee of Correspondence for New York, as
follows:

WMS'BURG, VIRG'A, *April 7th, 1775.*

GENT.:

The enclosed resolutions of our late Convention will fully explain
the reasons for our troubling you with this letter.

We have only further to express our earnest wishes that you would be
pleased by the earliest opportunity to furnish us with the most authentic
information, that we may be able to make a satisfactory report to our next
Convention or Assembly.

We have the honor to be Gent., your respectful humble Servants,

PEYTON RANDOLPH,
RO. C. NICHOLAS,
DUDLEY DIGGES.

To the Committee of Correspondence of New York.

LETTERS

OF THE

Committees of Correspondence and Inquiry

IN THE

AMERICAN COLONIES,

From April, 1773, to May, 1775.

NEW YORK, *April 14th, 1773.*New York
April 14,
1773 ✓

SIR:

Your letter of the 19th inst. to the Speaker of the General Assembly of this Colony I this day had the pleasure to receive, together with a copy of the resolves entered into by the hon'ble the House of Representatives of the Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia, both which shall be laid before our Assembly as soon as they are convened, which do not imagine will be before the latter end of this or the beginning of next year, unless they should be called upon some extraordinary occasion.

I have the honor to be, with Regard,
Sir, yr. most obt. humb. Servt.,

JOHN CRUGER.

To the hon'ble Peyton Randolph, Esqr., Speaker of the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia.

NEW YORK, *April 24th, 1773.*New York
April 24
1773

GENT:

I had the honor of your letter of the 6th inst., acquainting me that the Committee of Correspondence had appointed you a Select Corresponding Committee, and that in pursuance of their direction you request the favor of me to transmit you a full account of the principles and authority on which was constituted the Court of Enquiry said to have been lately held in the Colony of Rhode Island with power to transport persons accused of offences committed in America to places beyond sea to be tried, together with an authentic copy of their commission and proceedings. As I have received no information of the nature and

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April 24,
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import of the Commission, nor any account of the proceedings thereon but such as have been communicated through the channel of newspapers, it is not in my power to give you an authentic copy of either. We have no committee of correspondence of the same kind with yours appointed, but as soon as our Assembly meets shall lay your letter before them.

I herewith transmit you a law of this Colony, which, I imagine, will answer the good purposes intended by that passed by your Assembly at their last session.

I have the honor to be with regard, Gent, your mo. obt. St.,

JOHN CRUGER.

To Peyton Randolph, Ro. C. Nicholas, and Dudley Digges, Esquires.
[Copy of the act enclosed.]

CHAP. CCCLXXVI.

An act to make it felony without benefit of clergy to counterfeit the bills of credit of any of his Majesty's colonies which pass in payment in the colony of New York, passed 3rd July, 1766.

Whereas many evil-disposed and wicked persons have lately counterfeited and circulated in this colony large parcels of bills in imitation of true bills of credit, struck, emitted, and issued in the colony of New Jersey, and have passed the same as good and true bills of credit to the great hurt and damage of his Majesty's subjects of this colony, for prevention whereof and of other like mischiefs in future—

1. Be it enacted by his Excellency the Governor, the Council and the General Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that if any person or persons shall hereafter counterfeit any the true bill or bills of credit now or which shall hereafter be struck, emitted, and issued in the said colony of New Jersey, or the bill or bills of credit now or hereafter to be struck, emitted, and issued in any other of his Majesty's colonies, or shall alter any the said bills of credit so that they shall appear to be of greater value than the same by the law of such respective colony are, shall, or may be intended to pass for; or shall pass or give in payment any such counterfeit or altered bill as aforesaid, knowing the same to be counterfeit or altered.

Every person who shall so counterfeit or alter any the said bills of credit, or knowingly pass or give in payment any such counterfeit or altered bill as aforesaid, shall be guilty of felony, and, being thereof convicted, shall suffer the pains of death, as in cases of felony without the benefit of clergy, any law, usage, or custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

NEW PORT, *May 15th, 1773.*

New Port,
May 15,
1773

SIR:

I had the pleasure of receiving your favor of the 19th of March with the resolves of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, which, with the letter from your Committee of Correspondence, I laid before the House of Deputies of this colony at their meeting the last week.

The House, thoroughly convinced that a firm union of the colonies is absolutely necessary for the preservation of their ancient, legal, and constitutional rights, and that the measures proposed by your House of Burgesses will greatly promote so desirable an end, came, nemine contradicente, into the resolutions, of which I have the honor to enclose you a copy.

I am desired to inform you that the committee appointed by our House of Deputies will, as soon as possible, transmit to the Committee of Correspondence of Virginia the best accounts they shall be able to obtain respecting the Court of Inquiry lately held in this colony.

I am, with great respect, yr. mo. Obt. St.,

METCALF BOWLER.

[Resolves inclosed.]

MAY 7TH, 1773—IN THE HOUSE OF DEPUTIES.

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of Correspondence and Inquiry be appointed to consist of seven persons, to-wit: the honorable Stephen Hopkins, Esquire, Metcalf Bowler, Moses Brown, John Cole, William Bradford, Henry Ward, and Henry Merchant, Esqs., any four of whom may be a committee, whose business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic intelligence of all such acts and resolutions of the British parliament or proceedings of administration as may relate to or affect the British colonies in America, and to keep up and maintain a correspondence and communication with our sister colonies respecting these important considerations, and the result of such their proceedings from time to time to lay before this House.

Resolves of
House of
Deputies of
Rhode
Island

Voted pr. Ordr.

J. LYNDON, Cler.

A true copy of a vote of the House of Deputies or lower House of Assembly of the colony of Rhode Island.

Teste:

JOSIAS LYNDON, Cler.

MAY 7TH, 1773—IN THE HOUSE OF DEPUTIES.

Whereas this House hath appointed a Committee of Correspondence with committees of other colonies in North America respecting the rights and privileges of the colonies, &c., it is therefore

Resolved by this House, That his honor the Governor be requested to deliver the said committees a copy of his commission as one of the judges

Resolves of the Court of Enquiry, constituted from home and said to be held in
House of this colony, and of all such other papers as were laid before the said
Deputies of court as may be consistent with his honor as Governor of this colony.
Rhode
Island

Voted pr. Ordr. J. LYNDON, Cler.

A true copy of a vote of the House of Deputies or lower House of
Assembly of the colony of Rhode Island.

Teste:

JOSIAS LYNDON, Cler.

MAY 7TH, 1773—IN THE HOUSE OF DEPUTIES.

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be requested to write to the
Speaker of the House of Burgesses in Virginia, and to all other Speakers
of Assemblies in North America, informing them of the proceedings of
this House relating to the preservation of the Rights of the Colonies.

Voted pr. Ordr.

J. LYNDON, Cler.

A true copy of the vote of the House of Deputies or lower House of
Assembly of the colony of Rhode Island.

Teste:

JOSIAS LYNDON, Cler.

Portsmouth,
New Hamp- SIR:
shire, May
27, 1773

PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE, 27th May, 1773.

Messrs. Randolph, Nicholas, and Digges' agreeable favor of the 6th
April, 1773, with a copy of an act against forging your paper currency,
and a letter dated Mar. 19th, 1773, unsigned, enclosing the Resolves of
the Honorable House of Burgesses of Virginia, I had the honor to receive.

And on the first meeting of our Assembly I took the earliest oppor-
tunity to lay those interesting papers before them, whose unanimous direc-
tion I have to present their thanks to, and assure your Hon'able House
that in every constitutional plan for securing the Rights of British Amer-
ica and removing the present infringements thereon, our sister colonies
may rely we sincerely join, having no wish for ourselves of an exclusive
nature in those matters, ever looking on the whole as embarked in the
same common Bottom, and so represented it in our address to Lord Dart-
mouth at our first meeting after his appointment for American Affairs.

The House have appointed a committee for the proposed purpose of
communication, and flatter ourselves that some means may yet be hit on
for restoring the mutual confidence once subsisting between Great Britain
and the American provinces.

The act proposed to prevent counterfeiting the paper money of the
colonies of British America the House of Assembly determine to take
into consideration, and wish such laws may be enacted as will effectually
prevent such pernicious practices in future.

I have the honor to be your most humble servant,

J. WINTWORTH.

PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,
In the House of Representatives, May 27, 1773.

Portsmouth,
 New Hampshire, May
 27, 1773

Resolved and voted, That a Standing Committee of Correspondence and Inquiry be appointed to consist of seven persons, viz.: the Honorable John Wentworth, Esqr., John Sherburne, William Parker, John Giddings, Jacob Sheaf, Christopher Toppan, and John Pickering, Esquires, any four of whom to be a committee, whose business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic intelligence of all such acts and Resolutions of the British parliament or proceedings of administration as may relate to or affect the British Colonies in America, and to keep up and maintain a correspondence and communication with our sister colonies respecting these important considerations, and the result of such their proceedings from time to time to lay before this House.

Extracted from the Journals of the House of Representatives of the province of New Hampshire.

Attest:

WILLIAM PARKER, Cler.

PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY, *June 3rd, 1773.*

SIR:

Province of
 Massachusetts Bay,
 June 3, 1773

The very judicious and important Resolves entered into by his Majesty's most ancient Colony of Virginia on the 12th March last, together with your obliging letter enclosing the same, have been laid before the House of Representatives of this province.

The wisdom of the measures proposed in those Resolves and the great and good effects that may reasonably be expected to flow from them, not only to the colonies, but to the parent State, were so obvious that the House immediately adopted them and appointed a committee to keep up and maintain a free communication with Virginia and the rest of the Sister Colonies.

That there has been long a settled plan to subvert the political constitutions of these colonies, and to introduce arbitrary power, cannot, in the opinion of this house, admit of doubt.

Those who have aimed to enslave us, like a band of brothers, have ever been united in their councils and their conduct. To this they owe their success. Are they not in this regard worthy imitation? Here it is praiseworthy to be instructed even by an enemy.

The object which the conspiritors against our Rights seem of late to have had much in view has been either to lull the Colonies into a state of profound sleep and security which is forever the forerunner of slavery, or to foment divisions among them. How necessary then, how important, is it to counteract and defeat them in the fatal design?

To awaken and fix the attention of all to the common danger—to open

Province of
Massachu-
setts Bay,
June 3, 1773

and maintain an uninterrupted intercourse among the colonies that all may be fully apprized of the true state and circumstances of each, and that the councils of the whole may be united in some effectual measures for restoring the public liberty.

That this may be the happy effect of the truly laudable and generous design of the House of Burgesses of Virginia is the most ardent wish, and it shall be the object of the attention of this House.

In the name and by the order of the House, I have the honor to be with strict truth and regard, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

THOMAS CUSHING, Speaker.

Province of
Massachu-
setts Bay,
May 27, 1773

PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY,
In the House of Representatives, May 27, 1773.

Whereas the Speaker hath communicated to this House a letter from the truly respectable House of Burgesses in his Majesty's ancient Colony of Virginia, inclosing a copy of the Resolves entered into by them on the 12th of March last, and requesting that a committee of this House may be appointed to communicate from time to time with a corresponding committee then appointed by the said House of Burgesses in Virginia;

And whereas this House is fully sensible of the Necessity and Importance of an Union of the several colonies in America at a time when it clearly appears that the rights and liberties of all are systematically invaded, in order that the joint wisdom of the whole may be employed in consulting their common safety—

Resolved, That this House have a very grateful sense of the obligations they are under to the House of Burgesses in Virginia for the vigilance, firmness, and wisdom which they have discovered at all times in support of the Rights and Liberties of the American Colonies, and do heartily concur with them in their said judicious and spirited Resolves.

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry be appointed to consist of fifteen members, any eight of whom to be a quorum, whose business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic intelligence of all such acts and Resolutions of the British parliament or proceedings of administration as may relate to or affect the British colonies in America, and to keep and maintain a correspondence and communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these important considerations, and the result of such their proceedings from time to time to lay before the House.

Resolved, That it be an instruction to the said committee that they do without delay inform themselves particularly of the principles and authorities on which was constituted a Court of Enquiry held in Rhode

Island said to be vested with powers to transport persons accused of offences committed in America to places beyond the seas to be tried.

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setts Bay,
May 27, 1773

Resolved, That the said committee be further instructed to prepare and report to this House a draught of a very respectful answer to the letters received from the Speaker of the honorable House of Burgesses of Virginia and the Speaker of the honorable House of Representatives of the Colony of Rhode Island; also a circular letter to the Speakers of the several other Houses of Assembly on this continent, enclosing the aforesaid Resolves, and requesting them to lay the same before their respective Assemblies, in confidence that they will readily and cheerfully comply with the wise and salutary Resolves of the House of Burgesses of Virginia.

Then the House immediately made choice of the following gentlemen to be the committee of correspondence and communication with the other colonies, viz.:

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Samuel Adams, hon'ble John Hancock, Esqr., Mr. William Phillips, Capt. William Heath, hon'ble Joseph Hawley, Esqr., hon'ble James Warren, Esqr., Richard Derby, Jr., Esqr., Mr. Eldridge Gerry, Jerathmell Bowers, Esqr., Jedediah Foster, Esqr., Daniel Leonard, Esq., Capt. Thomas Gardner, Capt. Jonathan Grunleaf, and James Prescott, Esqr.

A true copy.

Attest:

SAMUEL ADAMS, Cler.

SAVANNAH, IN GEORGIA, 5 June, 1773.

Savannah,
Georgia,
June 5, 1773

SIR:

I had the honor of yours of the 19th March enclosing a copy of the Resolves entered into by the House of Burgesses of Virginia upon so interesting a subject as that of an attempt to deprive his Majesty's faithful subjects in America of their ancient and constitutional rights by transporting persons accused of offences beyond the seas to be tried, thereby depriving us of that invaluable blessing of determining the same by the oaths of honest and lawful men of our own vicinage.

I am also favored with yours, Mr. Nicholas, and Mr. Digges' joint letter of the 6th of April, inclosing the copy of an Act of your colony to prevent the counterfeiting the paper money of other colonies, a practice hitherto carried on with great success, but highly injurious, and calls aloud for the interposition of the Legislature; both which matters I shall take care to lay before our House of Representatives, and am hopeful they will join in these and every other measure that may tend to the benefit and advantage of America.

I have the honor to be respectfully, Sir, yr. mo. obt. St.,

WILL'M YOUNG.

Peyton Randolph, Esqr.

Savannah,
Georgia,
June 5, 1773

SIR:

FAIRFIELD, IN CONNECTICUT, *24 June, 1773.*

I have it in command from the House of Representatives of this Colony to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 19th March last, together with the Resolutions of the patriotic House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia, which came to my hand in May last, when the Assembly of this Colony was sitting, which, without delay, I communicated to the House of Representatives of this Colony and received their commands to transmit to you the Resolutions they came into thereupon, and request you, as early as may be, to lay them before that honorable house, by which they will see how readily they approved of, cheerfully adopted the measures proposed to them, and have appointed a committee of correspondence as requested, to and by whom matters relative to the general interest of the Colonies may be communicated. They have expressed themselves so fully in the matters as leave me no room to add anything but that I have the honor to be with great truth,

Sir, your most obt., humble servt.,

EBENEZER SILLIMAN.

The Hon'le the Speaker of the House of Burgesses in Virginia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COLONY OF CONNECTICUT,
Friday, 21st May, 13 Geo. 3rd, 1773.

Mr. Speaker having laid before the House a letter from the Speaker of and certain Resolutions entered into by the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia on the 12th of March last, viz:

Whereas the minds of his Majesty's faithful subjects in this colony have been much disturbed by various rumors and reports of proceedings tending to deprive them of their ancient, legal, and constitutional rights;

And whereas the affairs of this Colony are frequently connected with those of Great Britain as well as of the neighboring Colonies, which renders a communication of sentiments necessary.

In order, therefore, to remove the uneasiness and quiet the minds of the people, as well as for the other good purposes above mentioned—

Be it Resolved, That a standing committee of correspondence and Inquiry be appointed, to consist of eleven persons, to-wit: the honorable Peyton Randolph, Esqr., Robert Carter Nicholas, Richard Bland, Richard Henry Lee, Benjamin Harrison, Edmund Pendleton, Patrick Henry, Dudley Digges, Dabney Carr, Archibald Cary, and Thomas Jefferson, Esquires, any six of whom to be a committee, whose business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the British parliament or proceedings of administration as may relate to or affect the British colonies in America, and to keep up

and maintain a correspondence and communication with our sister colonies respecting these important considerations, and the result of such their proceedings from time to time to lay before this House. Savannah, Georgia, June 5, 1773

Resolved, That it be an instruction to the said committee that they do, without delay, inform themselves particularly of the principles and authority on which was constituted a Court of Inquiry said to have been lately held in Rhode Island with powers to transport persons accused of offences committed in America to places beyond the seas to be tried.

And further resolving, That the Speaker of the said House of Burgesses do transmit to the Speakers of the different Assemblies of the British Colonies on this Continent copies of the said Resolutions and desire that they will lay them before their respective Assemblies and request them to appoint some person or persons of their respective bodies to communicate from time to time with their said committee.

This House taking into consideration the contents of the said letter, the aforesaid Resolutions and the reasons on which they are founded, are of opinion that they are weighty and important in their nature and design, calculating and tending to produce happy and salutary effects in securing and supporting the ancient, legal constitutional rights of this and the Colonies in general, do therefore approve of and adopt the measure.

And thereupon resolved, That a standing committee of correspondence and Inquiry be appointed, to consist of nine persons, to-wit: the honorable Ebenezer Silliman, Esqr., William Williams, Benjamin Payne, Samuel Holden Parsons, Nathaniel Nagles, Silas Deane, Samuel Bishop, Joseph Trumbull, and Erastus Walcott, Esquires, whose business it shall be to obtain all such intelligence, and to keep up and maintain a correspondence and communication with our sister Colonies respecting the important considerations mentioned and expressed in the aforesaid Resolutions of the patriotic House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia, and the result of such their proceedings from time to time to lay before this House.

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House do transmit to the Speakers of the different Assemblies of the British Colonies on this continent, copies of these Resolutions, and request that they will come into similar measures and communicate from time to time with said committee on all matters wherein the common welfare and safety of the Colonies are concerned.

The foregoing Resolutions being severally read a third time, were, on the question put, agreed to by the House.

A true copy extracted from the Journals.

Attest:

WM. WILLIAMS, Cler., D. R.

London,
July 6, 1773

LONDON, 6th July, 1773.

The hon'ble Peyton Randolph, Robert Carter Nicholas, and Dudley Digges, Esquires:

GENTLEMEN:

I have within these few days been honored with your letter of the 6th of April, and think myself under great obligations to you for the confidence you are pleased to repose in me by thinking me a proper person to correspond with on the subject matter recited in your letter.

In consequence thereof I have procured and sent you under favor of my worthy friend, Mr. Benjamin Harrison, the Act of Parliament for preserving his Majesty's Dock-yards, Magazines, Ships, and so forth; also the Journals of the House of Commons from the period of time you mention as far as can at present be had, which shall be continued, and you may be assured I will be diligent in my enquiries after all other Acts or Resolutions of parliament or proceedings of administration lately passed or entered into, or which may hereafter take place, and that may in any degree affect any of the Colonies of America, and like a faithful watchman acquaint you therewith. Our present parliament, who are just prorogued, have made such strides towards despotism for some time past with respect to the East India Company, as well as America, that we have too much reason to dread bad consequences from such proceedings. Some of my friends in the India Direction tell me that they have thoughts of sending a quantity of tea to Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Virginia, and South Carolina, which Government seems to approve, but they suspect their motives are to make a cat's paw of the Company and force them to establish the 3d pr. lb. American duty. I advised the gentlemen not to think of sending their Tea till Government took off the duty, as they might be well assured it would not be received on any other terms. What their Resolution will be time only will discover. When anything offers worthy your notice I shall take the liberty of advising you again.

At present remain with great respect, Gentlemen,

Your very obedient servant,

JOHN NORTON.

Charles
Town, South
Carolina,
July 9, 1773

CHARLES TOWN, SOU. CAROLINA, July 9th, 1773.

SIR: When I had the honor of receiving your letter of the 19th March last the Commons House of Assembly of this province was under an adjournment to the 6th inst. As soon as a House was formed, which was not till yesterday, I laid your letter before them; as a prorogation was expected, which accordingly took effect at noon, the House lost not a moment's time, but instantly proceeded to the consideration of your

Resolutions which you enclosed me, and, unanimously approving them, appointed a committee to correspond with yours, agreeable to your recommendation, being desirous to shew their readiness to co-operate with your House in a measure dictated by such wise councils and directed to such laudable ends: A copy of their Resolutions I now enclose you, by which you will see, Sir, the pleasing task that is assigned me of conveying to you and the rest of the members of the honorable House of Burgesses of your province the thanks of the Commons House of Assembly of this province for communicating the said Resolutions, as well as for their steady attention to the general interests of America by which your province have so nobly and uniformly distinguished itself in the great cause of liberty. You will also be pleased to observe that the House have paid proper attention to the measure recommended and adopted by your House to prevent counterfeiting the paper money of the other Colonies by ordering a bill to be brought in for that purpose; and though the prorogation has prevented at this time the carrying the same into execution, yet the House will certainly take up the matter and proceed upon it as soon as they can go upon business.

The obstacle which has for so long a time past prevented the House from doing business is not yet removed, to-wit: a clause dictated by an instruction which the House is required to insert in the tax bill, but which they never will submit to.

I am with great respect, Sir,

Your most ob't, humble St.,

RAW. LOWNDES.

Hon'ble Peyton Randolph.

[Resolve inclosed.]

SOUTH CAROLINA.

In the Commons House of Assembly the 8th day of July, 1773:

Mr. Speaker reported to the House that he had received a letter from the Speaker of the hon'ble House of Burgesses of Virginia inclosing several Resolutions of that House, and the said letter and resolves were read to the House.

And the said Resolutions being unanimously approved of by the House—

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker and any eight of the other members of the standing committee of correspondence be a committee to inquire for and obtain intelligence upon the several matters mentioned in the said Resolutions, and to correspond with the committee appointed by the said House of Burgesses and Committees appointed or to be appointed in our Sister Colonies respecting the same.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do transmit the thanks of this House to

Charles the Speaker and members of the said House of Burgesses of Virginia for
 Town, South communicating the said Resolutions to this House, as well as for their
 Carolina, July 9, 1773 steady attention to the general interests of America.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House that he had received a letter from the committee mentioned in the Resolutions of the House of Burgesses of Virginia inclosing him a copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia to prevent the counterfeiting the paper money of other Colonies, and the said letter and Act were read to the House.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill to prevent the counterfeiting the paper money of other Colonies, and that Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Gadsden, and Col. Pinckney to prepare and bring in the said bill.

A true copy from the Journal.

THOS. FARR, Jun'r, Clerk.

GENTLEMEN:

The Speaker of the House of Representatives of this Colony having transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of your colony a copy of the Resolutions entered into by their House at their last session constituting a committee of correspondence and Inquiry, permit us to refer you to those Resolutions, by which you will see the House of Representatives of this Colony have fully adopted the measures proposed by your patriotic House of Burgesses, and with pleasure follow the lead given, an example set by the fathers of the people in the ancient, free and loyal Colony of Virginia. That committee have appointed us a select corresponding committee.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter directed to the Speaker of our House of Representatives, and in answer say with respect to the Court of Inquiry said to have been lately held in Rhode Island vested with extraordinary unconstitutional powers, that the committee of correspondence in that Colony can and doubtless will give you more full intelligence respecting that matter than we can.

As to the copy of an Act inclosed in yours, our Governor had not received the letter you mention from the Governor of Virginia, nor has he yet received any. We waited for that till it was too late in the session to move it, in expectation of a motion from that quarter. If no letter from the Governor of Virginia should be received before next session, the matter will be taken up without it, and we can imagine no opposition that will be made.

We are directed to request of you the favor to inform us what has been done by the Judge or Judges of the Superior Court in your Colony on the Requisition made for writs of Assistants. That matter is now under the consideration of the Superior Court here, and as it is a matter of very great importance to the Colonies in general, we wish your answer that the proceedings that have been had with you and your candid and free sentiments thereon may be fully known here.

We shall at all times and on all occasions with the greatest pleasure and readiness execute our commission of correspondence and Inquiry as we are firmly persuaded of the utility of the measure so seasonably proposed by the Colony of Virginia and, we hope, universally adopted by the other Colonies, and hope thereby to cultivate and strengthen that harmony and union among all the English Colonies on the Continent of America, which daily appears to us more and more necessary to preserve and secure the safety, peace, prosperity, and happiness of the whole.

We are with great truth and regard, Gent,
Your most Obedient, humble servants,

WILL. WILLIAMS,
SILAS DEANE,
BENJ. PAYNE,
JOSEPH TRUMBULL.

Charles
Town, South
Carolina,
July 9, 1773

Colony of Connecticut, to-wit: Lebanon, 10th Aug., 1773.

GEORGIA—COMMONS HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
Friday, the 10th of September, 1773.

Georgia—
Commons
House of
Assembly,
September
10, 1773

Mr. Speaker laid before the House two letters that he had received from the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, and also of the House of Deputies of Rhode Island, inclosing resolutions of their respective Houses, and also the copy of an act to prevent counterfeiting the paper currency of other Colonies, which said Resolutions being severally read were unanimously approved of.

Resolved, *nem. con.*, That that Mr. Speaker and any five of the Committee of Correspondence be a committee to Enquire for and obtain the earliest Intelligence of the many Important matters contained in the said several resolutions, and that they likewise do from time to time correspond with the respective Committees that now are or may be appointed by the House of representatives on this Continent.

Resolved, *nem. con.*, That the thanks of this House be transmitted to the Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, and also the Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of deputies of Rhode Island, for communicating their Intentions firmly to support the rights and privileges of his Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects in America, and also to the Honorable Peyton Randolph, Esquire, Robert Carter Nicholas, and Dudley Digges, Esquires, for transmitting to this House a copy of the above mentioned act.

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RICH'D CUN'YM CROOKE, Clk.

✓ Philadelphia Septem-
ber 25, 1773

PHILADELPHIA, *September 25th, 1773.*

SIR: I embraced the earliest opportunity to communicate your favor of the 19th of March, with the Resolves of the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia to the Assembly of this province, and I have it in command from them to assure your honorable House that they esteem it a matter of the greatest importance to co-operate with the representatives of the other Colonies in every wise and prudent measure which may be proposed for the preservation and security of the general rights and liberties, and that it is highly expedient and necessary a correspondence should be maintained between the Assemblies of their several Colonies; but as the present Assembly must in a few days be dissolved by virtue of the charter of the province, and any measures they might adopt at this time, rendered by dissolution ineffectual, they have earnestly recommended the subject matter of the letter and resolves of the House of Burgesses of Virginia to the consideration of the succeeding Assembly.

In the name and by the order of the House, I have the honor to be with great respect,

Sir, your most obedient servant,

JOSEPH GALLOWAY, Speaker.

The Hon^{le} Speaker of the House of Burgesses.

Province of
Massachu-
setts Bay,
Boston,
October 21,
1773

PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY,
BOSTON, *Oct'r 21st, 1773.*

GENTLEMEN:

The committee of correspondence appointed by the House of Representatives of this province have been not altogether inattentive to the design of their Institution. We have been waiting for intelligence from Great Britain from whose injudicious councils the common grievances of the Colonies have sprung, in hopes that a change in the American Department would have produced a happy change in the measures of administration, but we are sorry to say, that from the best accounts we have obtained, the ministry have been hitherto so far from radically redressing American Grievances that even the least relaxation has not been advised, if thought of. On the contrary, the British parliament have been prorogued without taking the least notice of the affairs of America; while they have been curtailing the charter of the East India Company in such a manner and in such a degree as to indicate that they are much more intent upon increasing the power and influence of the Crown than securing the liberties of the subject.

At the same time this province has had a very recent discovery of the unaltered Resolution of the ministry to pursue their plan of arbitrary power, in the King's answer to the petitions of our Assembly against the

appropriation of the Revenue raised from the Colonies for the purpose of rendering our Governor and Judges dependent on the Crown.

In his Majesty's answer we have nothing explicit, but his Resolution to support the supreme authority of the British parliament to make laws binding on the Colonies (altho' the petitions were supported by the express declarations of the charter of the province) and his great displeasure that principles repugnant to that right were therein held forth. Such an answer to such a petition affords the strongest grounds to conclude that the ministry are as firmly resolved as ever, to continue the Revenue Acts and apply the tribute extorted by virtue of them from the Colonies to maintain the Executive powers of the several governments of America absolutely independent of their respective Legislatures, or rather absolutely dependent on the Crown, which will, if a little while persisted in, end in absolute Despotism.

Such being still the temper of the British ministry, such the disposition of the parliament of Britain under their direction and influence to consider themselves as the Sovereign of America. Is it not of the utmost importance that our vigilance should increase, that the Colonies should be united in their sentiments of the measures of opposition necessary to be taken by them, and that in whichsoever of the Colonies any infringements are or shall be made on the common rights of all, that Colony should have the United efforts of all for its support. This we take to be the true design of the establishment of our committees of correspondence.

There is one thing which appears to us to be an object worthy of the immediate attention of the Colonies. Should a war take place, which is thought by many to be near at hand, America will then be viewed by Administration in a light of importance to Great Britain. Her aid will be deemed necessary; her friendships, therefore, will be even courted. Would it not, then, be the highest wisdom in the several American Assemblies absolutely to withhold all kinds of Aid in a general war until the Rights and liberties which they ought to enjoy are restored and secured to them upon the most permanent foundation? This has always been the usage of a spirited House of Commons in Britain and upon the best grounds, for certainly protection and security ought to be the unalterable condition when supplies are called for.

With regard to the extent of Rights which the Colonies ought to insist upon, it is a subject which requires the closest attention and deliberation, and this is a strong reason why it should claim the earliest consideration of at least every committee in order that we may be prepared when time and circumstances shall give to our claim the surest prospect of success, and when we consider how one great event has hurried on upon the back of another, such a time may come and such circumstances take place sooner than we are aware of. There are certain Rights which every Colony has explicitly asserted, and we trust they will never give up.

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That in particular that they have the sole and unalienable right to give and grant their own money, and to appropriate it to such purposes as they judge proper, is justly deemed to be of the last importance. But whether even this Right, so essential to our freedom and happiness, can remain secure to us while a right is claimed by the British parliament to make laws binding upon us in all cases whatsoever, you will certainly consider with seriousness.

It would be debasing to us after so manly a struggle for our Rights to be contented with a mere temporary relief. We take the liberty to present you with the state of a controversy upon that subject between the Governor of this province and the Assembly; and as the Assembly of this or some other Colony may possibly be called into a further consideration of it we shall think ourselves happy in a communication of such further thoughts upon it as we are persuaded will, upon a perusal, occur to your minds. We are far from desiring the connection between Great Britain and America should be broken. *Esto per petua* is our most ardent wish, but upon the terms only of equal liberty. If we cannot establish an agreement upon these terms let us leave it to another and wiser generation. But it may be worth consideration, that the work is more likely to be well done at a time when the ideas of liberty and its importance are strong in men's minds. There is danger that these ideas will hereafter grow faint and languid. Our posterity may be accustomed to bear the yoke, and being inured to servility they may even bow the shoulder to the burden. It can never be expected that a people, however numerous, will form and execute a wise plan to perpetuate their liberty when they have lost the spirit and feeling of it.

We cannot close without mentioning a fresh instance of the temper and design of the British ministry, and that is in allowing the East India Company, with a view of pacifying them, to ship their Teas to America. It is easy to see how aptly this scheme will serve both to destroy the trade of the Colonies and increase the Revenue. How necessary, then, is it that each Colony should take effectual methods to prevent this measure from having its desired effect.

Gentlemen, the foregoing letter was unanimously agreed to by the committee of correspondence, and is in their name and by their order transmitted to you by your most respectful

Friends and humble servants,

THOMAS CUSHING,
SAMUEL ADAMS,
WM. HEATH.

P. S.—It is the request of the committee that the contents of this letter be not made public lest the common enemy should counteract and prevent its design.

NEW CASTLE ON DELAWARE,
Oct'r 25, 1773.

New Castle
on Delaware,
October 25,
1773

SIR:

I am ordered by the House of Representatives of this Government to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th of March last addressed to the Speaker of the late Assembly here, inclosing a copy of the Resolves entered into by the House of Burgesses of your Colony, and to inform you that the same were laid before this House the first time they met after receiving them, and I now have the pleasure of transmitting to you a copy of their minutes and proceedings on this occasion, which are so expressive of their sentiments of the measures adopted and recommended by your House that nothing need be added thereto.

In the name and by the order of the House,
I am with great respect your mo. ob't serv't,

CÆSAR RODNEY, Speaker.

Minutes and Resolutions inclosed in the foregoing Letter:

COUNTIES ON DELAWARE,
In the House of Representatives,
Saturday, October 23d, 1773, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Read,

Ordered, That the several letters from the respective Speakers of the House of Burgesses in the Colony of Virginia, the House of Deputies in the colony of Rhode Island, and the House of Representatives in the province of Massachusetts Bay, with the several Resolves inclosed, be read a second time which was done accordingly.

And the House taking the same into consideration resolved itself into a grand committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Kean took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. McKean reported from the committee that they had directed him to make the following report to the House, viz:

Whereas, the Speaker of the late Assembly presented to the House several letters which he received during the Recess of the House, one from the truly patriotic House of Burgesses of his Majesty's ancient dominion of Virginia, enclosing a copy of certain Resolutions entered into by them on the 12th day of March last; one from the honorable House of Deputies of the colony of Rhode Island and Providence plantations, inclosing certain resolutions entered into by them on the 7th May last, and one from the free and spirited House of Representatives of the province of Massachusetts Bay, enclosing certain resolutions entered into

New Castle by them on the 28th of May last, and requesting that a committee of this
on Delaware, House may be appointed to communicate from time to time with the Cor-
October 25, responding Committees appointed by the said Assemblies and named in
1773 the said respective Resolves;

And whereas, this House is of opinion that the measures adopted by the aforesaid Assemblies and proposed to this are very salutary and highly necessary at this time, when the Rights and Liberties of all appear to be systematically invaded,

Resolved, That this House have a very grateful sense of the obligation they are under to the House of Burgesses in Virginia, for the vigilance, firmness and wisdom which they have discovered at all times in support of the Rights and Liberties of the American Colonies, and do heartily concur with them in their said judicious and spirited Resolves.

Resolved, That a standing committee of correspondence and Inquiry be appointed to consist of five members, any three of whom to be a quorum, whose business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic Intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the British Parliament or proceedings of administration, as may relate to or affect the British Colonies in America, and keep up and maintain a correspondence and communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these important considerations, and the result of such their proceedings from time to time to lay before the House.

Resolved, That it be an Instruction to the said committee that they do, without delay, inform themselves particularly of the principles and authority on which was constituted a court of Enquiry held in Rhode Island, said to be vested with powers to transport persons accused of offences committed in America to places beyond the seas to be tried.

Resolved, That the said committee be further instructed to prepare and report to this House, Draughts of very respectful answers to the letters above mentioned, also a circular Letter to the Speakers of the several other Houses of Assembly on this Continent inclosing the aforesaid Resolves, and requesting them to lay the same before their respective Assemblies in confidence that they will readily and cheerfully comply with the well concerted and wise Resolves of the House of Burgesses in Virginia.

To which said resolves the House agreed nemine contradicente. Then the House immediately made choice of the following gentlemen to be the committee of correspondence and communication with the other Colonies, viz:

Mr. Speaker, George Read, Thomas McKean, John McKinly, and Thomas Robinson, Esquires.

I do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true copy from the minutes of the Assembly.

DAVID THOMPSON, Clk. Ibid.

COLONY OF CONNECTICUT, NEW HAVEN,
Nov. 4th, 1773.

Colony of
Connecticut,
New Haven,
November 4,
1773

GENTLEMEN:

Since our letters of June last, nothing material has occurred worthy transmitting to you from this distance. The extraordinary Court of Inquiry, at Newport, in Rhode Island, is closed without effecting anything, nor can we conceive it to have been projected with other serious view than to establish by precedent the unconstitutional measure.

In our last we took notice of the Act of your honorable House of Burgesses respecting counterfeits of yours and the currency of other provinces, and informed you that his honor, our Governor, expected a letter on the subject. That not coming to hand was the reason no Act passed in our last session of Assembly. The present Assembly at this place have taken up the matter, and by a general act made the counterfeiting of the currency of any of the English Colonies on the Continent equally capital with the counterfeiting our own. The act passed both Houses of Assembly this week, and in our next will transmit you an extract of it. There are no offences in this Colony punished with death except murder, conspiracy against the Government and others of that kind. Robbery, counterfeiting, &c., have heretofore been punished by branding, cropping and imprisonment, but the present act sentences offenders of this kind to confinement and labor in a copper mine from which we judge an escape is impossible.

The late Resolutions of the minister to permit Teas to be sent by the East India Company to Boston, New York and Philadelphia where they are daily expected, give us the most uneasy apprehensions for the consequences, though we have the utmost confidence in the firmness and virtue of the inhabitants of those capital Towns on this occasion.

It is with the greatest satisfaction we see the seasonable and beneficial example set by your honorable and patriotic House of Burgesses already followed by almost all the Houses of Assembly on the Continent and doubt not that it will be universal soon.

The union of the Colonies is of the last importance and we conceive a regular correspondence the most certain means to effect so salutary a design.

We are with the highest Esteem and respect, Gentlemen,
Your most obliged and very humble Servants,

EBENEZER SILLIMAN,
ERASTUS WALCOTT,
SILAS DEANE,

WILL'M WILLIAMS,
SAM. H. PARSONS,
BENJ. PAYNE.

Committee of Correspondence.

The Hon^{le} Peyton Randolph, Esqr., and others the committee of Correspondence, Virginia.

Colony of Connecticut, New Haven, November 4, 1773

Extract of an act made and passed by the Governor and Company of the Colony of Connecticut at a General Assembly holden at New Haven on the second Thursday in October, A. D. 1773:

Be it enacted, &c., That whosoever shall presume to forge, counterfeit, or alter any of the Bills of Credit of this Colony or the Bills of Credit of any other of the English Colonies or Provinces on this Continent; or shall utter and put off any forged, counterfeit, or altered Bill or Bills, knowing them to be such; or that shall counsel, advise, procure, or any ways assist in the forging, counterfeiting, imprinting, stamping, altering, or signing of any false, forged, and counterfeit Bill or Bills, knowing them to be such; or that shall engrave any plate or make any Instrument to be used for any of the purposes aforesaid; or that shall stamp or any other ways counterfeit any of the several sorts of coin mentioned in an Act of parliament made and passed on the 6th year of the reign of Queen Anne, &c.—

Such person or persons so offending shall for the first offence suffer imprisonment in said Gaol, mine, or Work-House, and there be kept to hard Labor for a term not exceeding ten years, at the Discretion of the court before which such conviction shall be had.

Any if any such person shall commit the like offence a second time, and be thereof convicted as aforesaid, he or they shall suffer Imprisonment in the said Goal, mine, and Work-House, and there be kept to hard Labor as aforesaid for and during the Term of his or her natural Life.

Compared with the original Act.

p^rt S. DEANE, Cler. Com.

Savannah,
Georgia,
November
20, 1773

SIR:

SAVANNAH, IN GEORGIA, 20th Nov., 1773.

I have the honor to transmit the thanks of the Commons House of Assembly of this province to you, Sir, and the other members of the House of Burgesses of Virginia for communicating your intentions firmly to support the Rights and Liberties of America on that most interesting subject contained in your Resolutions.

I am respectfully, Sir, your most obedient Servant,

WILL^M YOUNG.

Hon. Peyton Randolph, Esq.

Savannah,
Georgia,
November
20, 1773

SIR:

SAVANNAH, IN GEORGIA, 20th Nov., 1773.

We have in consequence of an order of the Commons House of Assembly the pleasure to transmit to you a copy of the Resolutions entered into by them similar to those of the other Houses upon the Con-

inent, and although late as we are in answering your esteemed favor, yet, sir, we are not the less warm in coinciding with the Sister Colonies in every measure that may tend to the preservation of the Liberties and privileges of Americans.

Savannah,
Georgia,
November
20, 1773

We also beg leave to enclose you a copy of an act passed in our last session for preventing the counterfeiting of the paper currency of other his Majesty's Colonies in America, and are hopeful that laws of the same nature being passed in other provinces will effectually put a stop to the evil so loudly complained of.

We have the honor to be, Sir,
Your mo. ob't Servants,

WILL'M YOUNG,
W. JONES,
JOSEPH CLAY,
D. TUBLY, Ju'r,
WM. COUTTS.

Resolves enclosed in the foregoing letter:

GEORGIA, COMMONS HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
Friday, the 10th of September, 1773.

Georgia—
Commons
House of
Assembly,
September
10, 1773

Mr. Speaker laid before the House two letters that he had received from the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of Virginia and also the House of Deputies of Rhode Island, inclosing Resolutions of their respective Houses and also the copy of an Act to prevent counterfeiting the paper currency of other Colonies, which said Resolutions, being severally read, were unanimously approved of.

Resolved, *nem. con.*, That Mr. Speaker and any five of the committee of correspondence be a committee to enquire for and obtain the earliest intelligence of the many important matters contained in the said several Resolutions, and that they likewise do from time to time correspond with the respective committees that are now or may be appointed by the House of Representatives on this Continent.

Resolved, *nem. con.*, That the thanks of this House be transmitted to the honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, and also the honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Deputies of Rhode Island, for communicating their intentions firmly to support the Rights and privileges of his Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects in America, and also to the honorable Peyton Randolph, Esquire, Robert Carter Nicholas, and Dudley Digges, Esquires, for transmitting to this House a copy of the above-mentioned Act.

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RICHARD CUN'YM COOKE, Clerk.

Georgia—
Commons
House of
Assembly,
September
10, 1773

The Act enclosed:

An Act to prevent counterfeiting the paper money of other his Majesty's Colonies and provinces in America:

Whereas the want of a sufficient Quantity of circulating Specie to answer the purposes of commerce or the Exigencies of Government hath induced this and most others of the British Colonies in America to circulate certain paper notes as a necessary medium, the counterfeiting of which is usually made felony in the respective Governments where they are emitted; and whereas it is supposed that evil-minded persons may establish presses in this province for counterfeiting the paper currency of other his Majesty's provinces or Colonies in America, and by that means such forged Bills may be thrown into circulation with greater Facility and Security to the authors thereof, and it being judged reasonable that neighboring counties having Intercourse in Trade should provide, as far as in them lies, against the abasing of their medium of Commerce—

We therefore pray your most sacred Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by his Excellency, Sir James Wright, Baronet, Captain-General, and Governor-in-chief, in and over his Majesty's province of Georgia, by and with the advice and consent of the honorable Council and Commons House of Assembly in general assembly met, and by the authority of the same, that if any person or persons, after the passing of this act, shall within this province prepare, engrave, stamp or print, or cause or procure to be prepared, engraved, stamped or printed the counterfeit Resemblance of any paper money which now is or hereafter may be circulated in payments by legislative authority in any British Colony or plantation in America with Intention that such counterfeit paper shall be passed in payment, whether the same be so passed or not, shall be adjudged a felon, and shall suffer Death without Benefit of Clergy; and if any person or persons shall in this province pay, or tender in payment, any such counterfeit money, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeited, altered, or erased, every such person being lawfully convicted shall forfeit the sum of two hundred pounds, current money of this province, and shall be imprisoned in the common Gaol for six calendar months, and during such Imprisonment shall be publicly whipped three times.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this act shall continue and be in force for the term of five years, and from thence to the end of the next session of the General Assembly, and no longer.

By order of the Commons House of Assembly.

WILLIAM YOUNG, Speaker.

By order of the upper House of Assembly.

JAMES HABUSHAM, President.

Council Chamber, 29th Sep., 1773.

Assented to.

JA. WRIGHT.

Georgia—
Commons
House of
Assembly,
September
10, 1773

GEORGIA SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

A true copy taken from the original in this Office and examined by

JOSEPH GOLDWIN, p'r D. Sec'ty.

MARYLAND, *Decemb'r 6, 1773.*

SIR:

Maryland,
December 6,
1773

I took the earliest opportunity after the receipt of your letter of the 19th of March to lay the Resolutions of your House of Burgesses before the House of Delegates of this province at their meeting in June last. They then had them under consideration, but before any Resolutions were entered into an unexpected prorogation took place. At their next meeting in October they resumed the consideration, and most readily came to the Resolutions, which I have now the honor to enclose, and which I have in command to transmit to you, requesting you will lay them before the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia.

I am, Sir, with great respect your Ob't serv't,

MATT. TILGHMAN.

Resolves enclosed in the preceding Letter:

By the lower House of Assembly, Friday, Oct'r 15, 1773:

The order of the day being read, the House took into consideration the several letters and other papers communicated to this House by the honorable Speaker and addressed to him by the honorable the Speakers of the several Colonies of Virginia, Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, and resolved unanimously—

That this House most cordially accept the invitation to a mutual correspondence and Intercourse with our Sister Colonies.

Resolved unanimously, That a standing committee of correspondence and Inquiry be appointed, to consist of eleven persons, to-wit: the honorable Mathew Tilghman, Esquire, Speaker, John Hall, Thomas Johnson, William Paca, Samuel Chase, Edward Lloyd, Mathias Hammond, Josias Beale, James Lloyd Chamberlaine, Brice Thomas, Beale Worthington, and Joseph Sim, Esquires, any six of whom to be a committee, whose business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the British parliament or proceedings of administration as may relate to or affect the British Colonies in America, and to keep and maintain a correspondence and communi-

Maryland, cation with our sister colonies respecting these important considerations,
December 6, and the result of such their proceedings from time to time to lay before
1773 this House.

Resolved unanimously, That the Speaker of this House transmit to the Speakers of the different Assemblies of the British colonies on this Continent copies of the above Resolutions.

Extract from the Journal of the lower House of Assembly of the province of Maryland:

p'r JOHN DUKETT, Cl. L. Ho.

North
Carolina,
December
26, 1773

SIR:

NORTH CAROLINA, *Dec'r 26, 1773.*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your much esteemed favor of the 19th of March accompanying the Resolves of your House of Burgesses, which I lost no time in laying before the House of Assembly of this Colony, who very cheerfully received and adopted them.

I have it in command to transmit you the Resolutions entered into by our House, which you will herewith receive, and am with very great respect and esteem,

Sir, your mo. Ob't Serv't,

JOHN HARVEY.

Resolves enclosed:

NORTH CAROLINA,

In the General Assembly, 8th Decem'r, 1773.

Upon the Speaker's communicating to this House a Letter from the truly patriotic House of Burgesses of his Majesty's ancient Dominion of Virginia, inclosing a copy of certain Resolves entered into by them upon the 12th day of March last, and requesting that this House would appoint a committee to communicate from time to time with a corresponding committee by them then appointed.

And also letters from several of our Sister Colonies expressing their high approbation of and concurrence with so salutary a measure.

This House Resolve—

That the vigilance which the honorable House of Burgesses of Virginia have displayed in attending to every encroachment upon the Rights and Liberties of America, and the wisdom and vigour with which they have always opposed such encroachments are worthy the imitation and merit the gratitude of all their sister colonies, and in no instance more particularly than in the measure proposed for appointing corresponding committees in every colony by which such harmony and communication will be established among them; that they will at all times be ready to exert their united efforts and most strenuous endeavours to preserve the just Rights and Liberties of the American Colonies which appear of late

to be so systematically invaded; that we heartily concur with their Spirited Resolves.

Resolved, That a standing committee of Correspondence and Inquiry be appointed, to consist of nine persons, to-wit: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Howe, Mr. Harwell, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Caswell, Mr. Vail, Mr. Ash, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Samuel Johnston, any five of whom to be a committee whose business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic Intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the British parliament or proceedings of Administration as may relate to or affect the British Colonies in America, and to keep up and maintain a correspondence and communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these important considerations, and the result of such their proceedings from time to time to lay before this House.

Resolved, That it be an instruction to the said committee that they do without delay inform themselves particularly of the principles and authority on which was constituted a Court of Inquiry said to have been lately held in Rhode Island with powers to transport persons accused of offences committed in America to places beyond the seas to be tried.

Resolved, That the speaker of this House write respectful answers to the letters above mentioned, and also a circular letter of thanks to the speakers of the several Houses of Assembly who have so spiritedly adopted the patriotic Resolutions and measures of the truly respectable House of Burgesses of Virginia and for their obliging communication thereof to this House, inclosing a copy of our proceedings and requesting them to lay the same before their respective Assemblies.

By order.

JAMES GREEN, Ju'r, Cl'k.

NEW YORK, *March 1st, 1774.*

SIR:

Your letter of the 19th of March last, together with the Resolves of the honorable House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia inclosed therein, which they entered into on the 12th of said month, I laid before the general Assembly of this colony at the opening of this present session, who being sensible that they are of the utmost importance to the Rights and Liberties of the American Colonies, came to the enclosed Resolutions which they directed me to communicate to you and to desire you will lay the same before your House of Burgesses at their next meeting. I am also directed to return their thanks to the Burgesses of the ancient colony and Dominion of Virginia for their early attention to the Rights and Liberties of America.

I am, Sir, your most humble servant,

JOHN CRUGER, Speaker.

To the Hon^{le} Peyton Randolph, Esqr., Speaker of House of Burgesses of Virginia.

North
Carolina,
December
26, 1773

New York,
March 1,
1774

New York,
March 1,
1774

Resolves enclosed:

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, CITY OF NEW YORK, *20th Jan'y, 1774.*

The House according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole house upon the letters received from the Speakers of several of the Houses of Assembly on this Continent enclosing the Resolutions entered into by them respectively. After sometime spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Col. Seaman reported from the committee that they had directed him to report to the House the following Resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That it is the opinion of this committee that a standing committee of correspondence and Inquiry be appointed to consist of the following persons to-wit: John Cruger, Esqr., Speaker, James Delaney, James Jauncey, Jacob Walton, Benjamin Seaman, Isaac Wilkins, Frederick Philips, Daniel Kissam, Zebulon Seaman, John Rapalsi, Simon Borum, John De Noyellis, and George Clinton, Esquires or any seven of them, whose business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic Intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the British parliament or proceedings of administration as do or may relate to or affect the Liberties and privileges of his Majesty's subjects in the British Colonies in America, and to keep up and maintain a correspondence and communication with our sister colonies respecting these important considerations and the result of their proceedings to lay before the House.

Resolved, also nemine contradicente, That it is the opinion of this committee that the Speaker of this House prepare Draughts of Letters to the Speakers of the Assemblies on the Continent of America enclosing these Resolutions and requesting them to lay the same before their respective Assemblies, and that he do return the thanks of this House to the Burgesses of Virginia for their early attention to the Liberties of America.

Which Resolutions having been read a second time,

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

By order of the General Assembly for the Colony of New York.

GERARD BANCKER, Ass't Clerk.

Hartford,
March 8,
1774

GENTLEMEN:

HARTFORD, *March 8, 1774.*

We wrote you the enclosed from New Haven, since which yours of the 6th of January last came to hand inclosing a form of a writ of assistants. The Resolutions of your Assembly or General Court since against granting that general one demanded by his Majesty's commissioners of his customs, and your argument on the subject, for which we are much obliged, and consider them at once ingenious and conclusive.

The Officers of the customs here have declined pursuing their motion for this writ, and it is expected the affair will die in silence with us in this Colony. Should it be revived, there is no probability of their obtaining any, as at best such writs are disagreeable and of dangerous tendency, and at this period when the Colonies are so justly alarmed they would not be able to obtain one, though should one be granted yours is as full as a writ of that kind ever in our opinion ought to be consistent with the Liberty of the subject or even the act by which it is demanded.

Hartford,
March 8,
1774

We enclose the act of our Assembly respecting the counterfeiting the currency of our sister colonies, and take liberty to hint that were the laws of the Colonies respecting their currencies and other general concerns of one tenor, so far as particular local circumstances would any way admit, it might have a most happy tendency towards forming and strengthening that union of the Colonies on which their safety and happiness depends.

We consider with pleasure the step taken by your worthy House of Burgesses in appointing a committee to keep up a regular correspondence with your sister Colonies now adopted by nearly all on the Continent as a basis on which the most lasting and beneficial Union may be formed and supported.

No Intelligence has been received from Great Britain or any part of Europe by us for almost four months, and we are anxiously expecting the account how the returned Tea is received and what measures the present session of parliament will adopt respecting that and other American concerns.

We are gentlemen with great respect,
Your most obedient and very humble Servants,

WM. WILLIAMS,
SAM. HOLDEN PARSONS,
SILAS DEANE,
BENJ. PAYNE.

P. S.—Since the abov., Intelligence is received from London as late as the 10th of January with which you are doubtless favoured. A quantity of Tea arrived at Boston and met the fate of the former, the particulars of which will be with you before this; enclosed is a paragraph from our last Gazette.

BURLINGTON, *March 14th, 1774.*

Burlington,
March 14,
1774

SIR:

The Representatives of the province of New Jersey having been favoured with your letter of the 19th of March last, inclosing the minutes of the Honorable House of Burgesses of the colony of Virginia, and having taken the important proposals under their consideration, came to

Burlington, the Resolutions herein contained, which they have directed us to transmit to you.
March 14,
1774

They have also given us orders to return their most hearty thanks to your honorable House for the early attention which they have shewn to the Rights and privileges of his Majesty's subjects in America.

The committee of correspondence request the favour of you to direct any letters of Intelligence which you may hereafter have occasion to send for the information of this House to James Kinsey, Esq'r, in the city of Burlington, New Jersey.

We are, with great respect,
Your most obedient servants,

J. KINSEY,
SAM TUCKER,
HENDRICK FISHER,
J. WITHERILL,
JNO. HINCHMAN.

Resolves enclosed:

New Jersey,
House of
Assembly,
February 8,
1774

NEW JERSEY, HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
Tuesday, Feb'y 8th, 1774.

The House resumed the consideration of the several letters and Resolutions of the other Houses of Assembly on the subject matter of the common Rights and Liberties of the Colonies, and

The House resolved itself into a committee of whole House upon the matters aforesaid, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Crane, chairman of the committee, by order of the House, reported the Resolutions of the committee as follows, viz.:

1st. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee that the House should heartily accept of the Invitation to a mutual correspondence and intercourse with our Sister Colonies. To which the House agreed nemine contradicente.

2. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee that a standing committee of correspondence and Inquiry be appointed, to consist of the following persons, to-wit: James Kinsey, Stephen Crane, Hendrick Fisher, Samuel Tucker, John Witherill, Robert Friend Price, John Hinchman, John Mehelm, and Edward Taylor, Esquires, or any five of them, whose business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic intelligence of all Acts and Resolutions of the parliament of Great Britain or the proceedings of administration that may have any relation to or may affect the Liberties and privileges of his Majesty's subjects in the British Colonies in America, and to keep up and maintain a correspondence and communication with our Sister Colonies respecting those important considerations, and that they do occasionally lay their proceedings before the House.

To which the House agreed nemine contradicente.

3. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the said committee of correspondence do write letters to the several Speakers of the Assemblies on the continent of America enclosing these Resolutions and requesting them to lay the same before their respective Assemblies, and that they do return the thanks of the House to the Burgesses of Virginia for their early attention to the Liberties of America.

New Jersey,
House of
Assembly,
February 3,
1774

To which the House agreed nemine contradicente.

A true copy from the Journals.

RICHARD SMITH,
Clerk of Assembly.

COLONY OF CONNECTICUT,
NEW HAVEN, Nov. 4th, 1773.

SIR:

By order of the Committee of Correspondence here I have inclosed the within to you, and the committee for the hon'ble House of Burgesses of your province, and am with the highest esteem and respect,

Colony of
Connecticut,
New Haven
November 4,
1773

Sir, Your most obedient and very humble servant,

SILAS DEANE.

Peyton Randolph, Esq.

Extract of an Act made and passed by the Governor and Company of the Colony of Connecticut at a General Assembly holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October, A. D., 1773:

Be it enacted, &c., that whoever shall presume to forge, counterfeit or alter any of the Bills of Credit of this Colony, or the Bills of Credit of any other of the English Colonies or provinces on this Continent, or shall utter and put off any such forged, altered or counterfeit Bill or Bills knowing them to be such; or that shall counsel, advise, procure, or anyways assist in the forging, counterfeiting, imprinting, stamping, altering or forging of any false, forged, or counterfeited Bill or Bills knowing them to be such, or that shall engrave any Plate or make any instrument to be used for any of the purposes aforesaid, or that shall stamp, or any other ways counterfeit any of the several sorts of coin mentioned in an Act of Parliament made and passed in the 6th year of the reign of Queen Ann, &c., such person or persons so offending shall for the first offence suffer imprisonment in said Goal, Mine, or Work House, and there be kept to hard Labor for a term not exceeding Ten years at the discretion of the Court before which such conviction shall be had.

And if any such person shall commit the like offence a second time, and be thereof convicted as aforesaid, He or they shall suffer Imprison-

Colony of ment in said Gaol, Mine, and Work-House, and there be kept to hard
 Connecticut, Labor as aforesaid for and during the Term of his or her natural Life.
 New Haven, Compared with the original act.
 November 4, 1773

p'r S. DEANE, Cler. Com'tee.

Assembly
 Chamber,
 City of New
 York,
 January 20,
 1774

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, CITY OF NEW YORK, 20th January, 1774.

The House, according to order, Resolved itself into a com'tee of the whole House upon the Letters received from the Speakers of several of the Houses of Assembly on this Continent, inclosing the resolutions entered into by them, respectively. After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Col. Shearman reported from the Committee that they had directed him to report to the House the following resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That it is the opinion of this com'tee that a standing com'tee of correspondence and enquiry be appointed, to consist of the following persons, to-wit: John Cruger, Esq'r, Speaker, James Delancey, James Jauncey, Jacob Walton, Benj'n Seaman, Isaac Wilkins, Frederick Philips, Daniel Kipam, Zebulon Seaman, John Rapalji, Simon Boerum, John Dekoyellis, and George Clinton, Esquires, or any seven of them, whose business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic Intelligence of all such acts and Resolutions of the British Parliament or Proceedings of administration as do or may relate to or effect the Liberties and Privileges of his Majesty's subjects in the British Colonies in America, and to keep up and maintain a correspondence and communication with our sister colonies respecting these important considerations, and the result of their proceedings to lay before the House.

Resolved, also nemine contradicente, That it is the opinion of this com'tee that the Speaker of this House prepare Draughts of Letters to the Speakers of the assemblies on the continent of America inclosing these Resolutions and requesting them to lay the same before their Respective assemblies, and that he do return the thanks of this House to the Burgesses of Virginia for their early attention to the Liberties of America.

Which Resolutions, having been read a second time—

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the com'tee in the said Resolutions.

By order of the General Assembly for the Colony of New York.

GERARD BANKES, As't Clerk.

At a Meeting of a Number of respectable Inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia on Friday, the 20th of May, 1774—

Philadel-
phia, May
20, 1774

It was resolved, That John Dickenson, Dr. William Smith, Edward Pennington, Joseph Fox, John Nixon, John Nesbitt, Samuel Howell, Thomas Mifflin, Joseph Read, Thomas Wharton, jun'r, Benjamin Marshall, Joseph Moulder, Thomas Barclay, George Clymer, Charles Thomson, Jeremiah Warden, jun'r, John Cox, John Gibson be a committee to correspond with our sister colonies until some alteration is made in this appointment by a more general Meeting of the Inhabitants of the said city.

That the said Committee be instructed to apply to the Governor to call the Assembly of the Province.

That the said committee be instructed to write to our Friends, the People of Boston, informing them that we truly feel for their unhappy situation; that we recommend to them Firmness, Prudence, and Moderation, and that we shall continue to evince our firm Adherence to the cause of American Liberty.

And that the committee do also inform our Bretheren in New York and the other colonies of the above Resolutions.

BALTIMORE, 25th May, 1774.

Baltimore,
May 25, 1774

GENTLEMEN:

On Tuesday last we received by Express from Philadelphia a letter from the committee of correspondence at that place, inclosing a copy of the vote of the Town of Boston, a letter from the said Town to the Gentlemen of Philadelph'a, advising their present unhappy situation and requesting their Brotherly advice in so Interesting an occasion; copies of which vote and letter, the Reply thereto, and the Resolves entered into at Philadelphia, we now take the liberty of communicating to you, not doubting y'r readiness to take a friendly part in a matter so Interesting to every American.

On receipt of these papers we immediately convened the principal Inhabitants of this place in order to collect in some measure their sense of the matter.

The result was that we appointed a committee (of which you have the names annexed) to correspond with the committees of any neighboring colonies who may consult us on this or any other public occasion, and particularly to promote a general correspondence of sentiments with our Bretheren thro' this Province in such measures as may on mature consideration be thought most advisable to take on this alarming occasion; it has been proposed to convene the principal Gentlemen of our county at large, in order to promote an application for calling the assembly of the Province, but that we have postponed for the present until we have the advice of our Friends in Annapolis on the matter.

Baltimore,
May 25, 1774

We hope and expect that the Gentlemen of your Province will distinguish themselves as the foremost In asserting the cause of American Liberty and opposing the scheme of Parliamentary Taxation—will now exert themselves with spirit and boldness in the cause of Boston now so violently attacked for defending the common cause of America. And we doubt not that the Gentlemen of your Town in particular, will heartily concur in whatever measures may best serve the general good.

We are with much Respect,
Gentlemen, y^r most humble ser^{ts},
In behalf of the committee,

WM. BUCHANAN,
SAM'L PURVIANCE, Jun^r.

The Committee of correspondence for Batimore Town—And^w Buchanan, Rob. Alexander, Wilsⁿ Smith, John Smith, John Moale, Wm. Buchanan, Wm. Lux, Thos. Harrison, Rob^t Christie, Sen^r, Dr. James Boyd, Isaac Van Bibber, Sam^l Purviance.

Annapolis,
May 25, 1774

ANNAPOLIS, *May 25th, 1774.*

GENTLEMEN:

We this morning received a letter from the committee of correspondence of Philadelphia, inclosing their Resolutions with a copy of a Letter and vote of the Town of Boston.

We esteem it a very lucky circumstance that your General Assembly is now sitting, as it affords so good an opportunity of instantly collecting the sense of your Colony on a point on which the Liberties of America must turn; and was it not absolutely necessary that measures should be instantly taken; we should have waited with pleasure your Resolutions which we cannot doubt will be formed on the same generous principles which have hitherto actuated your Colony on every late attempt against American Liberty.

That no time may be lost we shall communicate the papers transmitted to us to every part of our province and endeavor to give the strongest impressions of the Sufferings of Boston in the Common cause. We shall anxiously expect your Resolutions, in the mean time we propose the sense of the people be taken at their meetings on the following heads:

1. That an immediate stop be put to all Exports to Great Britain and that after a short day to be agreed on there shall be no Import from Great Britain till the act for blocking up the harbour of Boston be repealed.

2nd. That the association be on oath.

3rd. That the gentlemen of the law in this province bring no suit for the recovery of any debt due from any inhabitant of this province to any inhabitant of Great Britain until the said act be repealed.

4th. That this province will immediately break off all trade and dealings with that Colony or province which shall refuse or decline to come into similar Resolutions with a majority of the Colonies. Annapolis,
May 25, 1774

We have the most sanguine hope that Maryland will cheerfully co-operate with your Colony to any extent of non-importation and non-exportation. We expect committees will be appointed as soon as possible through which we hope a cordial and free intercourse will be established between your Colony and our province and that the value and consequence of these Colonies to Great Britain will be demonstrated by withholding our Tobacco.

We are gentlemen, your most obedient Servants,

CHARLES CARROL,
J. HALL,
THOMAS JOHNSON, JNR.,
WILL'M PACA,
SAM'L CHASE,
MATT'S HAMMOND,
STEPHEN WEST.

Enclosed in the foregoing letter:

PHILADELPHIA, *May 21st, 1774.*

Philadel-
phia, May
21, 1774

GENTLEMEN:

You will no doubt before the receipt of this, receive a copy of the act of parliament for shutting up the port of Boston on account of the destruction of the Tea sent out by the East India company, and we know that you consider them as suffering in the general cause of America.

What part you may think it your duty to act on the present occasion, we must leave to your own wisdom and that you may be the better enabled to come to a determination, we take the liberty to enclose you copies of the papers which we received from Boston, and also copies of a Resolve passed by a number of the inhabitants of this city last evening, and of the letter we sent to the Town of Boston inclosing the same.

We shall be glad by the first opportunity to know the result of your deliberations on this interesting business, and are with great regard,

Gent., your most humble serv'ts,

Signed in behalf of the Committee of Correspondence.

To Peyton Randolph, Esqr., and others, principal gentlemen of Virginia.

Philadel-
phia, May
21, 1774

GENTLEMEN:

PHILADELPHIA, *May 21st, 1774.*

We have received your very interesting letter together with a letter from the Town of Boston and the vote they have passed on the present alarming occasion and such measures as have been pursued as the Shortness of the time would allow.

To collect the sense of this large city is difficult, and when their sense is obtained they must not consider themselves as authorized to judge or act for this populous province in a business so deeply interesting as the present is to all British America.

A very respectable number of the inhabitants of this city was, however, assembled last evening in order to consult what was proper to be done, and after reading the several papers you transmitted to us and also a letter from the committee of correspondence of New York the enclosed resolves were passed in which you may be assured we are sincere, and that you are now considered as suffering in the general cause.

But what futher advice to offer on this sad occasion, is a matter of the greatest difficulty, which not only requires more mature deliberations, but also that we should take the necessary measures to obtain the general sentiments of our fellow-inhabitants of this province as well as of our Sister Colonies.

If satisfying the East India company for the damage they have sustained would put an end to this unhappy controversy and leave us on the footing of constitutional Liberty for the future, it is presumed that neither you nor us could continue a moment in doubt what part to act, for it is not the value of the tax, but the indefeasible Right of giving and granting our own money, from which we can never recede, that is the matter now in consideration.

By what means this truly desirable circumstance of a reconciliation and future harmony with our mother country on Constitutional principles may be obtained, is indeed a weighty question, whether by the method you have suggested of a non-importation and a non-exportation agreement, or by a General Congress of Deputies from the different Colonies clearly to state what we conceive to be our Rights, and make a claim or petition of them to his Majesty in firm but decent and dutiful terms, so as that we may know by what line to conduct ourselves in future, are now the great points to be determined; the latter method we have great reason to think would be most agreeable to the people of this province and the first step that ought to be taken, the former may be reserved as the last resource should the other fail, which we trust will not be the case, as many wise and good men in the mother country begin to see the necessity of a good understanding with the Colonies upon the general plan of Liberty as well as commerce.

We shall endeavor as soon as possible to collect the sentiments of the people of this province and the neighboring Colonies on these grand ques-

tions, and should be also glad to know your sentiments thereon. In the meantime with sincere fellow feeling for your sufferings and great regard to your persons, we are,

Philadel-
phia, May
21, 1774

To the committee of correspondence in the Town of Boston.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, legally qualified and warned in Public Town Meeting assembled at Fanuel Hall on Friday the 13th day of May, 1774—

Boston, May
13, 1774

Voted, That it is the opinion of this Town that if the other Colonies come into a joint resolution to stop all importations from Great Britain, and Exportations to Great Britain, and every part of the West Indies, till the Act for blocking up this Harbor be repealed, the same will prove the salvation of North America and her liberties.

On the other hand if they continue their exports and imports, there is high reason to fear that fraud, Power and most odious oppression will rise triumphant over Right and Justice, Social happiness and Freedom. And moreover that this vote forthwith be transmitted by the Moderator to all our sister Colonies in the name and behalf of this Town.

Att.:

WILLIAM COOPER, Town cl'k.

BOSTON, *May 13th, 1774.* Boston, May
13, 1773

SIR:

I am desired by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of this Town to transmit to our Sister Colonies, an attested copy of this vote passed in Town Meeting legally assembled this day. The occasion of this meeting is most alarming: we have received the Copy of an Act of the British Parliament (which is also enclosed) wherein it appears that the Inhabitants of this Town have been tryed and condemned, and are to be punished by the shutting up of the Harbour and other ways, without their having been called to answer for, nay for ought that appears without their having been ever accused of any crime committed by them, for no such crime is alleged in the Act.

The Town of Boston is now suffering the stroke of vengeance in the common cause of America. I hope they will sustain the Blow with a becoming fortitude, and that the Effects of this cruel act intended to intimidate and subdue the spirits of all America will by the joint efforts of all be frustrated.

The people receive this Edict with Indignation. It is expected by their enemies and feared by some of their friends that this Town singly will not be able to support the Cause under so severe a Tryal. As the

Boston, May 13, 1774 being of every Colony, considered as a free People, depends upon the event; a thought so dishonorable to our Bretheren cannot be entertained as that this Town will now be left to struggle alone.

General Gage is just arrived here with a commission to supercede Governor Hutchinson. It is said that the Town of Salem, about twenty miles east of this metropolis, is to be the seat of Government—that the commissioners of the Customs and their numerous Retinue are to remove to the Town of Marblehead, a town contiguous to Salem, and that this, if the General shall think proper, is to be a Garrisoned Town. Reports are various and contradictory.

As this Town has no correspondence with any Gentlemen in the Colony of Virginia, I beg leave to address this letter to you, to be communicated as your Wisdom shall dictate. I shall receive a letter from you as a singular favor.

With very great regard, I am, Sir,
Your most humble serv't,

SAMUEL ADAMS.

Hon. Peyton Randolph, Esq'r.

[Resolutions voted on the same as those sent to Philadelphia May 13th, 1774.]

Copy of the Letter from Boston:

Boston, May 13, 1774

GENTLEMEN:

BOSTON, May 13th, 1774.

I am desired by the freeholders and other inhabitants of this town, to enclose you an attested copy of their vote passed in Town meeting legally assembled this day. The occasion of this meeting is most alarming. We have received a copy of an Act of the British Parliament (which is also enclosed), wherein it appears that the inhabitants of this Town have been tried and condemned, and are to be punished by shutting up the Harbor and other ways without their having been called to answer for nay, for ought that appears without their having been accused of any crime committed by them, for no such crime is alleged in the act.

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I shall enclose a copy of the Town's vote for each of the Colonies Southward of your province, which I beg you to forward with all possible despatch, together with your own sentiments thereon,

I am with great regard,
Gentlemen, your humble serv't,

SAMUEL ADAMS.

To the Committee of correspondence for the City of Philadelphia.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Boston, May
13, 1774
Boston, legally qualified and duly warned in public Town meeting assembled at Fanuil Hall, on Friday the 13th, day of May, 1774—

Voted, That it is the opinion of this Town, that if the other Colonies come into a joint Resolution to stop all importations from Great Britain, and exportations to Great Britain and every part of the West Indies, till the Act for blocking up the harbour be repealed, the same will prove the salvation of North America and her Liberties; on the other hand if they continue their Exports and Imports, there is high reason to fear that fraud, power and the most odious oppression will rise triumphant over Right, Justice, Social Happiness and Freedom. And moreover that this vote be forthwith transmitted by the moderator to all our Sister Colonies in the name and behalf of this Town.

Att.: WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

ALEXANDRIA, *May 29th, 1774.* Alexandria,
May 29, 1774

GENTLEMEN:

We received yesterday the papers herewith sent, and conformable to the example set us by the Gentlemen of Baltimore, called a meeting of the principal Inhabitants, who chose a committee to correspond with that and the neighboring Towns, for the purpose of communicating to each other in the most speedy manner, their sentiments on the present interesting and alarming situation of America.

Alexandria,
May 29, 1774

Deeply interested as we are, in the fate of Boston now suffering the scourge of oppression in the common cause, we decline entering into any resolutions, till the sentiments of the representatives of the people now met at Williamsburg, are known, when we make no doubt that spirit which has distinguished Virginia as the intrepid Guardian of American Liberty, will again shine forth in all its former Lustre.

We likewise transmit you the resolutions of the Inhabitants of Annapolis, together with the Extracts of Letters from London, which came express from Annapolis late last night. However we applaud the spirit shewn in the resolutions of the Inhabitants of Annapolis, we cannot help thinking that the determinations of the Inhabitants of Virginia, when authenticated by the resolutions of their Assembly, will be more decisive than any partial and local resolves.

We are with much respect in behalf of the committee,
Gentlemen, Y^r most humble servants,

JOHN CARLYLE,
JOHN DALTON.

The committee of correspondence for Alexandria—John Carlyle, Wm. Ramsay, John Dalton, Dr. Wm. Rumney, Robt. Adam, James Kish, James Hendricks, Robt. H. Harrison, George Gilpin, Capt. Hasper.

City of
Williams-
burg, May
30, 1774

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the City of Williamsburg, legally qualified and duly warned in public Town meeting assembled at the Court House of said city, on Monday, the 30th day of May, 1774:

Voted unanimously, that it is the opinion of this city that the Resolutions this day entered into by all the late Representatives who could be convened in this city, entirely coincide with their sentiments, and that they will, upon all occasions, readily co-operate with their countrymen in every measure that may tend to the security of their dearest Rights and Liberties.

A. DAVENPORT, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of 25 of the late Representatives legally assembled by the moderator, it was agreed that letters be wrote to all our sister Colonies, acknowledging the receipt of the letters and Resolves from Boston, &c., informing them that before the same came to hand, the Virginia Assembly had been unexpectedly dissolved, and most of the members returned to their respective counties. That it is the opinion of all the late house of Burgesses who could be convened on the present occasion, that the colony

of Virginia will concur with the other Colonies in such measures as shall be judged most effectual for the preservation of the common Rights and Liberty of British America; that they are of opinion particularly that an association against Importations will probably be entered into as soon as the late Representatives can be collected, and perhaps against Exportations also after a certain time; But that this must not be considered an engagement on the part of this colony, which it would be presumption in us to enter into, and that we are sending Dispatches to call together the late Representatives to meet at Williamsburg on the first day August next, to conclude finally on these important Questions.

City of
Williams-
burg, May
30, 1774

PEYTON RANDOLPH, Moderator.

Ro. C. Nicholas, Edm. Pendleton, Will. Harwood, Richard Adams, Thom's Whiting, Henry Lee, Francis Lightfoot Lee, Thomas Nelson, Jr., R. Rutherford, John Walker, James Wood, Wm. Langhorne, Lemuel Riddick, Thos. Jefferson, Mann Page, Jun., Charles Carter, Sen'r, Ja. Mercer, R. Wormeley Carter, Go. Washington, F. Blackburn, Edmd. Berkley, M. Donelson, P. Carrington, Lewis Burwell, (Gloster).

DUMFRIES, 31st May, 1774.

Dumfries,
May 31, 1774

GENTLEMEN:

Inclosed we send you the copies of the Resolves of the cities of Boston, Philadelphia, Annapolis, and Baltimore, as also the copy of a letter from our neighbours of Alexandria on the important subject of the late act of Parliament relative to the Trade and City of Boston in the Massachusetts Bay. We sincerely concur in opinion with the several Committees on the present melancholy occasion, and fully determined to join our fellow subjects in every measure to avert the fatal consequences to us and posterity from principals so destructive to American Liberty, and have not the least doubt but we shall be heartily joined by every individual of the community.

As we have not yet heard what our late Representatives have determined on, our unhappy situation, we have deferred entering into any particular Resolves until next Monday, when we have called the Inhabitants of the County together to warn them of the impending Danger. At which time we fully expect, and it is the determined Resolution of the Inhabitants of this town, that a total stop shall be put to every kind of Importation and exportation to and from Great Britain and the West India Islands. We have nothing farther to add but to implore the divine Goodness to fortify our minds and the minds of our fellow sufferers, with becoming firmness under their great affliction, and that it may please him

Dumfries, not only to change the minds and hearts of our Enemies, but to inspire us
May 31, 1774 to withstand their oppression with the fortitude of men and Christians.

We are, Gentlemen, with very great esteem,
Your affectionate Brothers and fellow-Citizens,

THE COMMITTEE.

Copy p. Order:

EVAN WILLIAMS, Clk. C.

Dumfries, At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Demfries, in the
May 31, 1774 County of Prince William, in the Colony of Virginia, on Tuesday, the
thirty-first day of May, 1774—

Resolved, That it is the unanimous opinion of this meeting, that the Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of this County, be invited to meet on Monday, the sixth day of June next, at the Court-house of the said county, to deliberate on measures the most proper to be taken to avert the dreadful Calamities with which the American Colonies in General, and the city of Boston in particular, are threatened from an unconstitutional act of Parliament lately passed, by which the town of Boston and its Ports and Harbours are to be blocked up by an armed force, which act, it is the opinion of this meeting, is fundamentally subversive of our antient, legal, and vital liberties; and that this Resolve be published by the Minister immediately after divine Service on Wednesday, the first day, and on Sunday, the fifth day of June next.

Resolved, That Messrs. Cuthbert Bullitt, William Grayson, Foushee Tebbs, William Carr, Richard Graham, John Riddell, Cumberland Wilson, Andrew Leitch, and Do'r George Graham be a committee for this town, to correspond with the different Committees that may be appointed for this colony or with the committees of any other colony or Province within America.

Resolved, That Evan Williams be appointed Clerk to this committee.

Resolved, The proceedings of this committee, as well as those of other provinces laid before them, be fairly transcribed by the Clerk in a book to be kept for that purpose.

Copy Per order of the committee:

EVAN WILLIAMS, Clk.

Fredericks- At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Fredericksburg, in the county of
burg, June 1, Spotsylvania, and Colony of Virginia, at the town House, on Wednesday,
1774 the first day of June, 1774—

Resolved, That it is the unanimous opinion of this meeting to concur

in every proper measure that may be thought expedient by our Sister Colonys on this Important occasion Respecting the Hostile Invasion of the rights and liberties of the town of Boston. Fredericks-
burg, June 1,
1774

Resolved, That Messrs. Fielding Lewis, Charles Dick, Charles Mortimer, James Mercer, Charles Washington, William Woodford, James Duncanson, William Porter, George Thornton, and Charles Yates be appointed a committee for this town to correspond with the neighbouring towns and countys for the Purpose of communicating to each other in the most speedy manner, Their sentiments on this present Interesting, Alarming Situation of America.

Resolved, That Benjamin Johnston be appointed Cle'k to this committee.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this committee, as well as those of other Provinces and Colonys laid before them this day, be fairly transcribed by the Clerk in a Book to be kept for that purpose.

Copy Per order of the committee:

B. JOHNSTON, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of a number of respectable Inhabitants of the City of Philadelphia, on Friday the 20th, of May, 1774— Philadel-
phia, May
30, 1774

It was resolved that John Dickenson, Dr. William Smith, Edward Pennington, Joseph Fox, John Nixon, John Nesbit, Samuel Howell, Thomas Mifflin, Joseph Read, Thomas Wharton, Jnr., Benjamin Marshall, Joseph Moulder, Thomas Barclay, George Clymer, Charles Themear, Jeremiah Warden, Jn'r, John Cox, John Gibson be a committee to correspond with our Sister Colonies, until some alteration is made in this appointment by a more general meeting of the Inhabitants of this city. That the said Committee be instructed to apply to the Governor to call the Assembly of the province.

That the said Committee be instructed to write our friends, the people of Boston, informing them that we truly feel for their unhappy situation, that we recommend to them firmness, prudence and moderation, and that we shall continue to evince our firm adherence to the cause of American Liberty.

And that the committee do also inform our brethren in New York and the other Colonies of the above Resolves.

NEW CASTLE ON DELAWARE, May 26th, 1774.

GENTLEMEN:

The alarm which the British act of parliament for shutting up the port of Boston has occasioned amongst us, makes it a matter of duty on this committee to contribute as far as they may to a general

New Castle
on Delaware,
May 26, 1774

New Castle union of sentiments and measures in the Colonies as the most effectual
on Delaware, method of Relief not only from the present encroachments on the Rights
May 28, 1774 of the Inhabitants of Boston but from future attempts of the like kind.

We consider each Colony on this Continent as parts of the same body and an attack on one to affect all. The people of Boston are singled out upon this occasion by the British Ministry for apparent reasons and if they can succeed so far as to procure a submission, the like or some such experiment will be made on each Colony in turn; if this should happen there would be an end to American freedom for a century at least.

Imports and exports are things undoubtedly within the power of Americans and they are become of great consequence to Britain, a total cessation of both as to that Kingdom for a time would not only alarm in turn but procure applications for our relief from those who, in all likelihood, would be more favorably heard than the Americans; therefore, we apprehend a measure of this sort a necessary previous step in the present Exigency, and from our knowledge of the sentiments of the people within this small government, we can, with confidence say that they would generally approve and firmly support such an Engagement if adopted by the principal Colonies.

The conduct of the British parliament on this occasion, so derogatory to the character which that Senate once had, needs no comment, a shadow of Justice, a cloak of power used for America's scourge, indicates the necessity of a Congress of Deputies from the several Colonies, to determine and agree upon further measures for redress of present or future grievances; and we are confident that if such a proposal shall be made by any one of the principal Colonies, the Representatives of the people here will adopt it and embrace the first opportunity of carrying it into execution.

We have enclosed a copy of the Boston Resolve transmitted to us from Philadelphia as a paper omitted to be sent by their last Express to you for North Carolina.

As the inhabitants of this Government entertain a high opinion of the zeal and firmness of those of your Colony in the common cause of America, we are persuaded that their Resolutions at this important crisis will have great weight here, and we shall be glad to have your sentiments thereon. In the meantime we who are of the committee of correspondence for the Delaware Government,

Are gentlemen, Your most obedient servants,

GEO. READ,
THOS. McKEAN,
JOHN McKINLEY.

To the Committee of Correspondence for Virginia.

PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY,
May 28th, 1774.

Province of
Massachu-
setts Bay,
May 28, 1774

GENTLEMEN:

By order of the House of Representatives of this province, we enclose you an Act passed in the late session of the British parliament entitled An Act to discontinue in such manner and for such time as are therein mentioned, the landing and discharging, lading or shipping of Goods, wares and merchandize at the Town and within the Harbour of Boston, in the province of Massachusetts Bay, in North America.

We think that the archives of Constantinople might be in vain searched for a parallel. To reason upon such an Act would be Idleness. You will doubtless judge every British American Colony deeply concerned in it, and contemplate and determine upon it accordingly.

We are with great regard your friends and fellow countrymen,

THOMAS CUSHING,
SAMUEL ADAMS,
JAMES WARREN,
JOSEPH HAWLEY,
THOMAS GARDINER,
WM. HEATH.

To the Gentlemen of the Committee of Correspondence appointed by the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia.

Resolve inclosed:

PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY,
In the House of Representatives, May 26th, 1774.

Province of
Massachu-
setts Bay,
May 26, 1774

Resolved, That the committee of correspondence, be and they hereby are directed to write to the committee of correspondence of all the British Colonies on this Continent, inclosing a copy of an unprecedented Act of the British parliament, for shutting up the port of Boston, and otherwise punishing the inhabitants of that Town; and desire their immediate attention to an Act *designed to suppress the spirit of Liberty in America.*

A true copy—Att.:

SAMUEL ADAMS, Cler.

FREDERICKSBURG, 1st June, 1774.

SIR:

Fredericks-
burg, June 1,
1774

By the direction of the Committee of Correspondence for this Town, I enclose you the copies of Resolves of the Town of Boston, Philadelphia,

Fredericks- Annapolis, Baltimore, Alexandria and Dumfries which came to hand this
burg, June 1, day. Also the Resolves of a meeting called here on the occasion.
1774

I am Sir, Your very humble serv't,

B. JOHNSTON, Town Clerk.

To Peyton Randolph, Esqr.,

The papers enclosed in the above letter having been already received by the Committee and recorded, are omitted to be entered here, but filed in the Letter among the papers of the Committee.

Boston, June
4, 1774

GENTLEMEN:

BOSTON, *June 4th, 1774.*

We take the earliest opportunity to enclose you copies of two bills brought into parliament, and before this time probably enacted, which we have just received by a vessel in thirty-six days from Bristol.

It is also confidently reported that a third Bill is to be brought into parliament for the better regulating the governments of the other provinces in North America.

These Edicts, cruel and oppressive as they are, we consider as but bare specimens of what the continent are to expect from a parliament who claim a right to make laws binding us in all cases whatever.

We are your friends and fellow-countrymen,

THOMAS CUSHING,
SAMUEL ADAMS,
JOSEPH HAWLEY.
THOMAS GARDNER.

To the Gentlemen, the committee of Correspondence appointed by the House of Burgesses of the colony of Virginia.

North Caro-
lina, June
10, 1774

GENTLEMEN:

NORTH CAROLINA, *10th June, 1774.*

We send you by express copies of sundry Letters and Papers which came yesterday from the Northern Colonies respecting the arbitrary and oppressive proceedings against the town of Boston, in the Province of Massachusetts Bay—Proceedings which must necessarily affect every free inhabitant of British America with the most alarming apprehensions for their dearest rights.

We wish it were in our power to furnish you with the united sense of the Inhabitants of this Province from the votes of their Representatives, but as this cannot be had on this emergency, we can only give you our

own sentiments and what we believe will be theirs whenever they have an opportunity of expressing them. That the inhabitants of this Province ought to consider themselves interested in the cause of the town of Boston as the cause of America in general.

That they will concur with and co-operate in such measures as may be concerted and agreed on by their Sister Colonies on this occasion.

That in order that there may be a Conformity and unanimity in the Councils of America, it is absolutely necessary and expedient that deputies be appointed by the Several Colonies to meet and deliberate on all measures that may be deemed necessary to the support of the general interests.

That in case the Governors of the different Colonies should refuse or decline to call an Assembly of the Representatives of the people that they should in pursuance of the laudable example of the respectable Members of the late House of Burgesses of Virginia meet and form associations to consider of the most probable means of defeating and counteracting every attack on the rights of the Colonies in general, or any of them, and that in case the act of Parliament, on which our apprehensions are grounded, should be carried into execution, they ought as soon as possible to put a stop to all Commercial intercourse between this Province and Great Britain until the act is repealed.

We join with the committee of Correspondence of Virginia in requesting that you will be pleased to forward copies of the enclosed papers, together with your own sentiments, to our friends in Georgia by express, and that you will favor us with the results of your deliberations on this very important affair as soon as possible.

We have the Honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your mo. obed. Servants,

JOHN HARVEY,
JOHN ASHE,
CORNELIUS HARNETT,
ROBERT HOWE,
EDWARD VAIL,
WILLIAM HOOPER,
SAMUEL JOHNSTON,
JOSEPH HAWES,

Committee of Correspondence for South Carolina.

NEW YORK, *June 9th, 1774.*

New York,
June 9, 1774

GENT:

I had the honor of receiving your letter of the 28th ult., but as the committee of correspondence and inquiry appointed by the General Assembly of this Colony, are at present dispersed and several of the mem-

New York,
June 9, 1774

bers at a considerable distance from this City, an answer to it must be postponed to a future day. Have already dispatched Letters to convene the members as soon as possible, and the earliest opportunity will be embraced to take into consideration the important matter to which your Letter and the papers enclosed relate.

A Declaration of our sentiments must be reserved until that can be done; but thought proper thus early to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter, and to assure you of my great attention to matters of such important concern as those you mention.

Shall be happy to receive the letter in which you purpose to make a fuller communication of your sentiments, and am with great regard,

Gen., Your mo. ob't serv't,

JOHN CRUGER.

To the Committee of Correspondence for Virginia.

Withers-
field, Con-
necticut,
June 14,
1774

GENTLEMEN:

The honorable House of Representatives of this Colony at their last sessions which closed the 4th instant, came into a number of Resolutions which you have enclosed.

They also, by a special Act empowered their committee of Correspondence and Inquiry, to join the Committee of their Sister Colonies in holding as early as conveniently might be, a General Congress of the Committees or Delegates by them appointed to take into consideration the present melancholy and alarming situation of America in general, and of our Sister Colony of Massachusetts in particular, pursuant to this the Committee have wrote to Boston, Portsmouth and New-port on the East; to New-York, New Jersies, Philadelphia and Maryland on the West, proposing the last week in July or the first in August for the time, leaving the place to be resolved as may best suit the Colonies that may send Representatives to attend, but at the same supposing New-York or Philadelphia might be the proper centre.

It is, we conceive, of importance that every Colony should be represented at such a general conference and much to be desired, but as the present Exigency presses, and it appearing very necessary to us that some general measures should be adopted, seasonably accasioned our taking the liberty of hinting at the time and place, though some other will be equally agreeable to us if more so to our remote brethern. Your answer in season will much oblige us by which we shall as far as possible, regulate our conduct in this important affair—the wise, spirited and seasonable proceedings of your truly patriotic House of Burgesses, in early proposing a correspondence between and union of the Colonies, has justly merited and universally received the approbation and grateful acknowledgements of British America.

And the manly, pious and humane attention more lately manifested to the distresses of the Town of Boston, reflects equal honor on them as men, as patriots, and as Christians.

The committee have been pleased to appoint me their clerk and whatever letters or commands you shall honor me with, I shall immediately lay before them.

I am, on their behalf and with great truth and regard,
Gent., your much obliged and h. Serv't,

SILAS DEANE, Clerk
of said Committee.

P. S.—A day of general Fasting and Humiliation was agreed on by both Houses of Assembly; also a general contribution voted throughout this Colony for the relief of the poor in Boston, the Directions of both which are left with the Governor and Council and will take place soon.

Withersfield, Connecticut, June 13th, 1774.

To the Honorable Peyton Randolph, Esqr., R. C. Nicholas, R. Bland, &c., Esqr.. Committee of Correspondence, Williamsburg, Virginia.

~~The~~ The printed Resolves inclosed are filed among the papers of the committee with the original Letter.

SIR:

By order of the Committee I forward to you a copy of the Resolve passed on Saturday last by a very large and respectable meeting of the Freeholders and other respectable Inhabitants of this city and County.

Yesterday our Committee met in order to prosecute the great and important business entrusted to them.

All America look up to Virginia to take the lead on the present occasion. Our united efforts are now necessary to ward off the impending blow levelled at our lives, liberty and property.

By our second Resolve you will observe it is the general sentiment of this province that a Congress is the most probable and proper mode of procuring Relief for our suffering brethren, and securing our Rights and Liberties. This will give weight to every measure that may be devised. Such as it appears is the determination of our adversaries, that we have no other choice left but to unite or die. Some Colony must step forth and appoint the time and place. None is so fit as Virginia. You are ancient. You are respected. You are animated in the cause.

It is not to be doubted but a general Congress will alarm and offend the Minister, and it is apprehended by some that the General has or will have orders to interrupt their proceedings—this should be provided against in fixing the place.

Withers-
field, Con-
necticut,
June 13,
1774

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Philadel-
phia, June
13, 1774

Philadel-
phia, June
13, 1774

There are no troops stationed to the southward of this city, and but few here. However, your wisdom will point out the most proper place. The necessity of the times calls for a speedy meeting, nothing can be resolved on to effect until it meets.

The two bills brought into parliament shew with what unrelenting fury the parliament are pursuing their Blow given to Boston and the province of Massachusetts Bay. The rest of the Colonies cannot be too speedy in adopting measures for their relief. Despondency or despair are equally to be dreaded.

These are my private sentiments which I humbly submit to you.

By order of our Committee I am to inform you that it is their desire that all letters for them be directed to Charles Thompson, at or near Philadelphia.

I am, Sir, y'r mo. obt. Serv't,

CHARLES THOMPSON,
Se'ty to the committee.

Peyton Randolph, Esqr.

[The above is without date, but as it enclosed Resolves passed in Philadelphia the 18th June, 1774, we may suppose it was written about that time and from that place.

The Resolves are filed among the papers of the committee.]

Newport,
June 20,
1774

SIR:

NEWPORT, *June 20, 1774.*

Agreeable to the directions of the General Assembly, I have the honor to enclose you a copy of certain Resolutions entered into by them respecting the very alarming situation of the Colonies.

I have also to inform you that upon this occasion this Assembly have adjourned to the fourth Monday in August next.

I am with very great regard,
Sir, your mo. humble servant,

METCALF BOWLER, Speaker.

Hon. Peyton Randolph, Esq.

Resolutions enclosed:

Newport,
June 20,
1774

At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode Island and providence plantations in New England, in America, began and holden by adjournment at Newport, within and for the said Colony, on the second Monday in June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and seventy-four, and fourteenth of the

Reign of his most sacred Majesty George the third, by the grace of God King of Great Britain, &c.—

Newport,
June 20,
1774

This Assembly, taking into the most serious consideration several Acts of the British parliament for levying taxes upon his Majesty's subjects in America without their consent, and particularly an act lately passed blocking up the port of Boston, which Act, even upon the supposition that the people of Boston had justly deserved punishment, is scarcely to be paralled in History for the severity of the vengeance executed upon them; and also considering to what a deplorable state this and the other Colonies are reduced when by an Act of parliament, in which the subjects in America have not a single voice, and without being heard, they may be divested of property and deprived of Liberty, do, upon mature deliberation, resolve—

That it is the opinion of this assembly that a firm and inviolable union of all the Colonies in counsels and measures is absolutely necessary for the preservation of their Rights and Liberties, and that for that purpose a convention of the Representatives from all the Colonies ought to be holden in some suitable place as soon as may be in order to consult upon proper measures to obtain a repeal of the said Act, and to establish the Rights and Liberties of the Colonies upon a just and solid foundation.

That the honorable Stephen Hopkins and the honorable Samuel Ward, Esquires, be and they hereby are appointed by this Assembly to represent the people of this Colony in a General Congress of Representatives from the other Colonies at such time and place as shall be agreed upon by the major part of the committees appointed or to be appointed by the Colonies in general.

That they consult and advise with the Representatives of the other colonies who shall meet in such Congress upon a loyal and dutiful petition, and Remonstrance to be presented to his Majesty as the united voice of his faithful subjects in America setting forth the grievancies they labour under and praying his gracious interposition for their relief; and that in case a major part of the Representatives of all the Colonies shall agree upon such petition and remonstrance, they be empowered to sign the same on behalf of this Colony.

That they also consult and advise upon all such reasonable and lawful measures as may be expedient for the Colonies; in an united manner to pursue in order to procure a redress of their grievances and to ascertain and establish their Rights and Liberties.

That they also endeavour to procure a regular annual Convention of Representatives from all the Colonies to consider of proper means for the preservation of the Rights and Liberties of the Colonies.

That the Speaker of the lower House transmit as soon as may be, copies of these Resolutions to the present or late Speakers of the respec-

Newport,
June 20,
1774

tive Houses of Representatives of all the British Colonies upon the continent.

A true copy duly examined.

Witness:

HENRY WARD, Se'ty.

North Carolina, June
21, 1774

GENTLEMEN:

NORTH CAROLINA, *June 21st, 1774.*

We have been favored with yours of the 31st of May last, accompanied with copies of several Letters and papers relative to the unhappy Divisions which now prevail between Great Britain and the Colonies, and the ruinous condition in which the Town of Boston is involved as a recent consequence of them.

We sincerely sympathize in the distress of that brave people, and mourn over it as over the common cause of America. We conceive this attempt made on their natural and Constitutional Rights as a presage to a similar or more flagrant violation of the Rights of the rest of the Colonies, and that upon the success of this in a great measure depends the fate of American Liberty.

We are of opinion that the method proposed by you of a general Congress to be held by Deputies from the different colonies will be an expedient, calculated to produce that union in practice and sentiment which is necessary to give success to the measures which may be adopted as Regulations for their conduct at this critical era. As this cannot be effected but by a convention of the Representatives of the several provinces from whom such deputation must proceed, we think that the conduct pursued by the late Representatives of Virginia is worthy imitation when the Governors of the several provinces, in obedience to ministerial instructions or of their own accord, shall decline to convene the people in their Legislative capacity.

We had been happy if we had been now fully authorized to speak the general sense of the people of this province.

Be assured that we will, with all possible expedition, use the best means to obtain it. Should not our Assembly meet on the 26th of July, to which time it now stands prorogued, we shall endeavor in some other manner to collect the Representatives of the people and shall immediately afterwards transmit to you what may be the result of their deliberations.

In the meantime we have the fullest confidence that the share which they may take in this important controversy will not be unworthy of men who have ever been sacredly retentive of their Constitutional Rights, and desirous to hand them unimpaired to posterity.

They will, we flatter ourselves, concur with you that the best expedient to bring about a reconciliation with the mother Country and the Colonies

will be to put a stop to all commercial Intercourse with her and the West Indies, and thus to carry home to Great Britain the calamitous consequences of her own measures. North Carolina, June 21, 1774

We cannot enough applaud the generous spirit exhibited by the Colony of Virginia upon this emergency, and wish the example may be as diffusive as it is truly laudable.

We are with great respect,
Gent., your mo. ob't humble serv'ts,

EDW'D VAIL,	JOHN HARVY,
JOHN ASHE,	ROBERT HOWE,
SAM. JOHNSTON,	JOSEPH HEWES,
CORN'S HARNETT,	WILL. HOOPER.

To the Committee of Correspondence of Virginia.

NEW YORK, *June 24th, 1774.*

New York
June 24,

GENTLEMEN:

We had the honor of your letter of the 28th May, inclosing a copy of the proceedings of your House of Burgesses before their dissolution, and the Association signed by eighty-nine members after the House was dissolved; the enclosed copy of our letter to the committee of correspondence of the House of Representatives of the Colony of Connecticut, in answer to one of which we herewith send you a copy, will convey to you our sentiments of a General Congress and of the powers with which we conceive ourselves invested by the General Assembly of this Colony. We shall be very happy to be made acquainted with the opinion of your late Representatives on the present posture of American Affairs, and shall with pleasure receive their sentiments on these subjects.

We are, with great respect, Gentlemen,
Your most obed't Servants,

JOHN CRUGER,	BENJANIN SEAMAN,
JAMES DELANCY,	J. BOERUM,
ZEB'M WILLIAMS, (late Zeb'm Scaman),	JOHN RAPALJE,
FRED. PHILIPS,	JAMES JAUNCY,
JACOB WALTON,	DAN'L KISSAM.

P. S.—Since writing the foregoing, the Gentlemen of our committee returned to their home. We received the Letter and Resolves from the Speaker of the late Assembly of Boston and the Speaker of the Assembly of Rhode Island, copies of which we have the honor here to enclose you.

~~This~~ This letter and these Resolves were before receive by the Committee from Boston, and being already entered are here omitted.

The Committee of Correspondence of Virginia.

New York, Letter to Boston enclosed:
June 24,
1774

NEW YORK, 24th June, 1774.

GENTLEMEN:

We have your letter of June 4th before us inclosing the Resolves of your Assembly, and a Letter to the Committee of Correspondence of Boston, and we agree with you that at this alarming juncture a general Congress of Deputies from the several Colonies would be a very expedient and salutary measure, such a Congress consisting of men of coolness, prudence and understanding, would we conceive be the best means under providence of restoring that peace and harmony between Great Britain and her Colonies, which is the surest foundation of Happiness to both, and which every good man, every well wisher to his Country, ought to labor strenuously to establish. We are sorry therefore that we are not sufficiently empowered to take any steps in relation to so salutary a measure, for we are a Committee of Correspondence only, and can not consistently with good order and prosperity, interfere in a matter of such importance without the appointment and concurrence of our whole House of Representatives. After what has been said it would be needless to mention anything about the place of meeting, only this, that if the other Colonies who may have authority for so doing, should meet in Congress in or near the City, we shall most gladly and willingly assist with our advice &c., if necessary, which circumstanced as we are at present, is all we are enabled to do.

We should be glad however to know before we come to any final determination on this matter, what steps will be taken by the other Colonies who are in the same situation with us, by not having an opportunity of knowing the sentiments of their Houses of Representatives; when the measures proposed to be adopted by them shall be communicated to us, we shall be better able to judge what plan will be most likely to procure a redress of our present grievances, and promote the union and prosperity of the Mother Country and the Colonies, and we expect daily to receive accounts of these matters of which we shall send you the most early intelligence.

We are with great esteem, Gentlemen,
Your most ob't servants,

JOHN CRUGER,
JAS. DELANCEY,
JA. JAUNCEY,

FRED. PHILIPSE,
JACOB WALTON,

JOHN RAPALJI,
DANIEL KISSAM,
ZEBULON WILLIAMS,
(late Zebulon Seaman,)
BENJ. SEAMAN,
SIMON BORRUM.

To the Committee of Correspondence of the Colony of Connecticut.

ANNAPOLIS, 26th June, 1774.

Annapolis,
June 24,
1774

GENTLEMEN:

The enclosed Resolutions which we are directed to communicate, contain the sense of this province of a union and general plan of conduct in defence of the Liberties of America, in the present dangerous and truly alarming crisis. We feel ourselves happy in the firm and steady spirit which animates the people of this province, to pursue those means which they judge the most speedy and effectual to prevent the fall of Boston and the Massachusetts Government, and by such prevention to save America from destruction.

It is our most fervent wish and sanguine hope that your Colony has the same disposition and spirit, and that by a general Congress such a plan may be struck out as may effectually accomplish the grand object in view.

We are also directed to propose that the general Congress be held at the City of Philadelphia, the twentieth of September next.

The limits of our province and the number of its inhabitants compared with yours, afforded an opportunity of collecting our general sense before the sentiments of your Colony could be regularly ascertained; and therefore as this province had the first opportunity, it has taken the liberty to make the first proposition.


We request that you will forward our Resolutions and propositions to the Colonies southward of you. If any circumstance unknown to us should render the time or place inconvenient to your Colony, you will oblige us by advising us of it as soon as possible, and mentioning a time and place more agreeable.

We shall be thankful for a speedy communication of everything you may think of consequence.

We are gentlemen with the utmost respect,
Your most ob't servants,

THOMAS JOHNSON, Jr.,
ROBT. GOLDSBOROUGH,
WM. PACA,
SAML. CHASE.

To the Committee of Correspondence of Virginia.

 Resolutions are filed with the Letter.

PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY, June 17th, 1774.

Province of
Massachu-
setts Bay,
June 17,
1774

SIR:

Agreeable to the directions of the House of Representatives of this province, I have the honor to transmit you a copy of certain Resolves they entered into in their present session, by which you will perceive

Province of that it is their opinion that a meeting of Committees from the several
Massachu- Colonies on this continent is highly expedient and necessary, and that
setts Bay, they propose that such meeting be at the city of Philadelphia on the
June 17, 1774 first day of September next, and that for the purposes mentioned in said
Resolves they have appointed a committee of five on the part of this
province whom they have directed to repair to Philadelphia at the time
before mentioned.

As this appears to be a measure absolutely necessary for the establish-
ment of the Rights and Liberties of the Colonies upon a just and solid
foundation, and for the restoration of union and harmony between both
countries, it is not doubted but it will be agreed to in your Colony; if it
should, it is desired that as early a notice as possible might be transmit-
ted

To your most obedient, humble serv't,

THOMAS CUSHING, Speaker.

To the Hon'ble Speaker of the House of Burgesses of the colony of
Virginia.

Resolves enclosed:

Province of
Massachu-
setts Bay,
June 17, 1774

PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY,
In the House of Representatives, June 17th, 1774.

This House having duly considered and being deeply affected with the
unhappy differences which have long subsisted and are increasing
between Great Britain and the American Colonies, do

Resolve, That a meeting of Committees from the several Colonies on
this continent is highly expedient and necessary to consult upon the
present state of the Colonies and the miseries to which they are and
must be reduced by the operation of certain acts of parliament respect-
ing America, and to deliberate and determine upon wise and proper
measures to be by them recommended to all the colonies for the Recovery
and Establishment of their just Rights and Liberties, civil and religious,
and the Restoration of union and harmony between Great Britain and
the Colonies most ardently desired by all good men.

Therefore Resolved, That the honorable James Bowdoin, Esquire, the
honorable Thomas Cushing, Esq'r, Mr. Samuel Adams, John Adams and
Robert Treat Paine, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a com-
mittee on the part of this province for the purposes aforesaid, any three
of whom to be a quorum to meet such committees or Delegates from
other Colonies as have been or may be appointed either by their respec-
tive Houses of Burgesses or Representatives, or by Convention, or by the
Committees of Correspondence appointed by the respective Houses of
Assembly in the city of Philadelphia or any other place that shall be
judged most suitable by the Committees on the first day of September

next; and that the Speaker of the House be directed in a Letter to the Province of Speakers of the House of Burgesses or Representatives in the several Massachusetts Bay, Colonies to inform them of the substance of these Resolves. June 17, 1774.

A true Copy.

Attest:

SAM'L ADAMS, Clerk.

BALTIMORE, 26th June, 1774.

Baltimore,
June 26,
1774

GENTLEMEN:

We take the liberty to enclose you the Resolutions of this Province entered into by deputies from each County assembled for that purpose at Annapolis. You will observe the Gentlemen appointed Delegates for the General Congress proposed, have orders to transmit the Resolves, and to Correspond with the different Colonies. But least so direct an opportunity should not offer from Annapolis, We embrace the present of forwarding them to you, Satisfied that it will afford real pleasure to the Gentlemen of your Colony to have the earliest information of the Measures proposed here to relieve the town of Boston now suffering in the Common Cause of America.

We are with great Respect,
Your most obedient servants,
Signed in behalf of the Committee of Correspondence,

SAM'L PURVIANCE, Jun'r.

To the Hon'ble Peyton Randolph, Esq'r, and other principal Gentlemen at Williamsburg.

PHILADELPHIA, July 1st, 1774.

GENTLEMEN:

Philadel-
phia, July 1,
1774

Your favor requesting that we would communicate our sentiments on the unhappy dispute with the mother Country has been duly attended to.

We cannot consider the late measures in parliament in any other light than as an additional proof of a Resolution in the mother State to draw a Revenue from the subject in America without his consent. And on this principle we conclude that every British American Colony will esteem themselves intimately concerned in it. Under this idea of the intention of Parliament, it certainly behoves us coolly and dispassionately to meditate on the consequences and to leave no rational or probable means unessayed to avoid them and to obtain that relief which our Rights as English subjects entitle us to demand.

What these means ought to be, we think the several Branches of the American Legislatures in which the people are constitutionally represented,

Philadel-
phia, July 1,
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and who are vested with their whole powers ought to determine. We, therefore, only presume to give you our private sentiments which must ever be subject to the amendment and control of the Body of which we are only members when we again mix with them.

We earnestly hope and recommend that the great cause of American Rights may be left to the management of the Representatives of the people in every Colony, as they alone are vested with a constitutional power of enquiring into and redressing those grievances under which the subject may at any time be oppressed. Until this measure shall be fairly attempted and a failure shall ensue, we cannot conceive the present dispute between Great Britain and the Colonies, can, with any propriety or prudence be assumed by any other persons whatever, or that in other hands any good consequences can be rationally expected. And as we are in a state of society where Order, Reason, and policy ought to prevail, every measure which can only serve to irritate and not convince; every Act of violence or even the appearance of it should be carefully avoided, as they cannot, under our present circumstances, obtain us that relief we desire and have a right to expect, but, on the contrary, may involve all America in difficulties from which no after wisdom or prudence can surmount.

A Congress of Delegates chosen either by the Representatives in Assembly or by them in convention, appears to us the first proper step to be taken. Nor are we dubious that it may be happily effected in a short time, should calm and prudent measures be pursued to obtain it. In this Congress, composed of the Representatives constitutionally chosen of all concerned, and who would, of course, act with weight and authority, something might be produced by their united wisdom to ascertain our Rights and establish a political union between the two countries, with the assent of both of which, would effectually secure to Americans their future Rights and privileges. Anything short of this will leave the Colonies in their present precarious state, disunited among themselves, unsettled in their rights, ignorant of their duties and destitute of that connection with Great Britain which is indispensibly necessary to the safety and happiness of both.

We are, with great regard, y'r assured friends,

JOSEPH GALLOWAY,

SAM. RHODES,

In behalf of the Committee.

To the committee of correspondence for the colony of Virginia.

P. S.—The assembly of this Province are summoned by the Governor's Writ to meet on the 18th inst.

CHARLES TOWN, So. CAROLINA, *July 8th, 1774.*

Charles
Town, South
Carolina,
July 8, 1774

GENTLEMEN:


I am ordered by the most numerous meeting of the inhabitants of this Colony that was ever convened together since our unhappy differences with the mother country, to transmit you a copy of their Resolutions.

Under the fullest persuation that you will readily concur in every necessary measure that can be fallen upon for restoring to British America her just rights and liberties,

I am, Gentlemen,

Your mo. Ob't humble serv't,

G. G. POWELL, Chairman.

 The printed Resolutions enclosed are filed with the Letter.

PHILADELPHIA, *July 25, 1774.*

Philadel-
phia, July
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GENTLEMEN:

As Messrs. Dickenson and Read are both out of Town, I am directed to inform you that our Assembly met last week and appointed Deputies to attend the Congress.

I have likewise the honor to enclose you the Resolves and instructions drawn up by the provincial Committee by which you will see the sense of this province.

I am y'r humble Serv't,

CHAS. THOMPSON.

The printed Instructions and Resolutions are filed with the Letter.

To the committee of correspondence of the Dominion of Virginia at Williamsburg.

PENNSYLVANIA—IN ASSEMBLY,
July 22d, 1774—A. M.

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vania—In
Assembly,
July 22, 1774

The House, taking into their most serious Consideration the unfortunate Differences which have long subsisted between Great Britain and the American Colonies, and have been greatly increased by the Operation and Effects of divers late acts of the British Parliament—

Resolved, That there is an absolute Necessity that a Congress of Deputies from the several Colonies be held as soon as conveniently may be, to consult together upon the present unhappy state of the Colonies, and to form and adopt a Plan for the purposes of obtaining a Redress of American Grievances, ascertaining American Rights upon the most solid, con-

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stitutional Principals, and for establishing that Union and Harmony between Great Britain and the Colonies which is indispensibly necessary to the Welfare and Happiness of both; Therefore,

Resolved, That the Hon'ble Joseph Galloway, Speaker, Samuel Rhoads, Thomas Mifflin, Charles Huniphreys, John Morton, George Ross, and Edward Biddle, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee on the Part of this Province for the Purposes aforesaid; and that they, or any four of them, do meet such Committees or Delegates as have been or may be appointed, either by their respective Houses of Representatives or by Convention, or by the Provincial or Colony Committees, at such time and Place as shall be generally agreed on by such committees; and that the Speaker of this house be directed in a letter to the Speakers of the Houses of Representatives of the other Colonies to inform them of these Resolves.

Extract from the Journals.

CHAS. MOORE,
Cl'k of Assembly.

Annapolis,
August 10,
1774

GENTLEMEN:

ANNAPOLIS, 10th Aug., 1774.

Your letter of the 4th inst. was delivered to us early this morning, and that for Mr. Thompson was immediately dispatched with our concurrence in the time and place proposed by your Colony and South Carolina, for holding the Congress.

We are with greatest respect,

Your mo. ob't serv'ts,

THOS. JOHNSON, Jun'r,
WM. PACA,
SAM. CHASE.

To the Hon'ble Peyton Randolph, Esq., and the Gentlemen of Virginia.

Elizabeth
Town, July
25, 1774

GENTLEMEN:

ELIZABETH TOWN, July 25th, 1774.

Pursuant to an order of the Committee of the several Counties of the Colony of New-Jersey, convened at New-Brunswick, We have the honor to acquaint you that they have appointed us Delegates to represent this province in the General Congress, and that we are ordered to attend the same at the city of Philadelphia on the first of September next, or at such other time and place as may be agreed upon: you will be pleased to inform the Delegates of your Colony thereof, and let any letters intended for us be directed to Stephen Crane, Esq'r, at Elizabeth Town.

Sincerely wishing the Congress may be productive of the important
end proposed,

Elizabeth
Town, July
25, 1774

We are, gentlemen,
Your mo. Ob't, humble servants,

JOHN DEHART, for himself and
STEPHEN CRANE,
JAMES KINSEY,
WILL. LIVINGSTON and
RICHARD SMITH, the other Delegates.

PHILADELPHIA, *July 24, 1774.*

SIR:

Philadel-
phia, July
25, 1774

By order of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, I have
the honor to enclose a copy of certain Resolutions, entered into by them
respecting the present alarming state of the Colonies, and appointing a
Committee to meet the Committees of the other Colonies in Congress.

I am with great respect, Sir,
Y'r. mo. ob't Serv't,

JOSEPH GALLOWAY, Speaker.

Resolutions filed with the letter.

NEW YORK, *May 5, 1775.*

GENTLEMEN:

New York,
May 5, 1775

At a time when the most vigorous exertions of Ministerial
power and the blood of our bretheren in the Massachusetts has been
actually shed for daring to maintain the Rights of Englishmen, the inhabi-
tants of this city and county have in the most explicit manner, (as you
may perceive by the enclosed association) resolved to stand and fall with
the freedom of the Continent.

We are confident that our Constituents are sincere in the strong assur-
ances they have given us, that while we continue in office they will be
guided by our advice and direction.

We have thought it necessary to advise the withholding supplies from
the British Fisheries on the American Coasts, and to cease all Exports to
those Colonies which at this alarming Juncture refuse to unite in the com-
mon cause. The expedient is too evident to need any elucidation, and
will doubtless procure us many hearty advocates in Britain, besides which
we have resolved to withhold all provisions from the army and navy at
Boston.

New York,
May 5, 1775

Our late Committee of observation thought proper to recommend the appointment of a provincial Congress in consequence of which our Constituents have chosen twenty-one Deputies to meet at this city on the 22d. inst., those who may be appointed for that purpose in the other Counties of this Colony. For your further satisfaction on these matters we be beg leave to refer you to the enclosed papers; we request you to communicate the substance of this information to your next neighbours and to assure — that in our Department we shall watch incessantly for the public safety.

By order of the Committee.

I am Gentlemen,
Your most ob't,

HENRY REMSEN, Dep'y Chairman.

The enclosures are filed with the Letter.

JOURNAL

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF SAFETY OF VIRGINIA.

WILLIAMSBURG, *February the 7th, 1776.**

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Bland, Mr. Tabb, Mr. Walker.

Joseph Jones, Esq'r, a member of this comm'ee attended and took the oath of office—pr. Jos. Jones, Esq'r. Williams-
burg,
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Ordered, a warrant to Henry Innes for the use of Chas. Lynch for £100 on account, for the purpose of carrying on his saltpetre and Powder manufactory.

Ordered, a warrant to Capt. Thomas Massie for £72 for the recruiting service in New Kent county—bond and Sec'y to be given to the chairman of s'd county committee for proper application on account.

A Warr't to Capt. Gregory for £72 for the recruiting service in Charles City County—bond 'xe as last.

A warr't to Capt. Mason for £72 for the recruiting service in Sussex county—bond 'xe as last.

Resolved, Mathew Anderson and John Lawson be permitted to pass from hence to Phil'a and from thence to their respective places of residence.

Resolved, James Wallace and family, Allen Cams, John McGill, be permitted to leave this —, previ— advertiz'g the same according to act of assembly.

A Warr't to Jno. Tazewell, Esq., for £3.9.2, for lead.

A certificate of the Comm. of Warwick Co. of their recommendation of five of their members to be a Court of Comm'rs accord'g to Ordinance of Convention, ret'd and ordered commissions issue.

A certificate of the comm' of Gloucester Co. of their recom'n of five of their members to be a court of comm'rs accord'g to Ordinance of convention, ret'd and o'd commissions issue.

Resolved, Upon conside'a'on of Letters from the comm. Accomack and Northampton, that this comm'ee refer'd the — Station of the — be stationed on the Eastern Shore to the Comm'e for the District of Acco-

* The heading to the proceedings of February 14th, shows this year.

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mack and Northampton, this comm'e being unacquainted with the situation of this.

P'r Mr. Vice-President.

A warrant to Wm. Parker, Express from Accomack, for 12s 6.

A warrant to Greenwood, Ritson and Marsh for £10.3.3 for sundries furnished the troops at Norfolk.

It app'g from a certificate of the comm'e of Amelia County tha' Wood Jones and Sam'l Hanway have an equal number of votes — the office of first Lieutenant in the Regular Service, and they referred it to this comm'e to decide the appointment.

Resolved, that it be remitted to the said County Co. to determine the appointment, this Comm'ee being of — they have no power to decide on this case.

A certificate of the comm'e of the District of York w— before this comm'e whereby it app's John Cary and Edmu— have an equal number of votes for the office of Cap— the Regular Service, in w'ch case this comm'e are the — appointment.

Resolved unanimously that Edmund Dickenson be appointed Captain of the recruits to be raised in the said District of York. From the same comm'e another certificate of an equal number of votes for the office of Ensign between James Selate and Thomas Herbert. Resolved, Thomas Herbert be Ensign of the s'd company, unanimously.

A Warrant to Lieutenant Peter Jones for £72 on acc't bounty money for the recruiting service in Dinwiddie county—bond with Joseph Jones security lodged.

Resolved, Robert Boyd, James Dunlop, and — Graham be respectively permitted to leave this colony, previously advertizing according to law.

John James Beckley having acted clerk pro tempore to this committee, and being approved of—Resolved, that he be appointed assistant clerk. Oath heretofore administered.

A Warr't to W. P. Martin for £72 p'r acco't settled by comm'rs for arms purch'd by order this committee, and £3.8 for trouble.

A Warr't to Capt. Geo. Nicholas for £72 on acco't for recruiting service—bond with security executed.

A War. for £5 for a rifle Gunn.

A Letter from —mm of Gloucester being read and considered—Resolved, that Warner Lewis, Jun'r, Esq'r, be emp'd to purchase so many good arms as may be necessary to arm the 3d company of minutemen raised in the s'd county. When they are completely armed this comm'ee will consent to their being called into service upon future application: p'd for on his certificate.

A Warr't to Adam Byrd for £28.13.7 p'r acco't settled by comm'rs for Prov'ns, &c., furnished the Guard at Cumberland Town.

A Warr't to Wm. Harwood, Esq'r, for £49.2.3, the ballance of Pay and Exp's of Warwick Militia.

A certificate of the Warwick comm'e of their app't of militia off's, ret'd and comm's issued.

A Warr't to Capt. Duvall for £148.17.7 for pay Roll and his other acco'ts, certified by comm'rs.

A Warr't to Capt. Duvall for the use of John Moss for £3 for a Gunn, for £3 for the use of Wm. Tyree for a Gunn, and for the use of Miles Gathright £3.15 for a Gunn.

Absent: Mr. Bland.

Cæsar, a negro man slave belonging to Jno. Hancock, a prisoner taken at the Great Bridge, was brought before this comm'ee and ex'd. On his ex'n declares that his mas—, having joyned L'd Dunmore, sent and ordered the Dep't and another slave to go to the Fort at the Great Bridge, from whence he was sent with a party, who, being attacked by the Provincials, left him, and he was runing to the provin's when he was shott by one of them. Mr. Seymour Hoe, being swo. and ex'd, saith that he went with to the party under L't Colonel Scott just after his engagem't below the Great bridge, and found our party in possession of the Prisoner, whom they had wounded and taken. On considera.—Ordered, that he be valued by Doct'r Galt, Ben. Powell, Ro. Nicholas, and Humphrey Harwood, or any 3, being 1st swo., and so report to this comm'e. That the s'd slave be taken — employed for the benefit of this colony in the Lead Mi— under the direction of Mr. James Calloway.

A Warr't to Doctor Corbin Griffin for medicines, attendance to troops at York, m—ne and militia.

A Warr't to Ben. Bucktrout for £77.6.9 for sundries for the u— of the army.

A Warr't to Capt. Dickinson for £72 on ace't for recruiting Drivers — York District; bond with security executed.

A Warr't to Timothy Vaughan for £3.10 for a Gunn purchased by Colonel Henry.

A Warr't to Jno. Armistead for £23.14 p'r acco't set'led by comm'rs for Forage. — to Thomas Skinner for the use Armistead.

Do. to Robey Coke for £8.11.9 — Do. — for Repairing Waggons and making Rammers.

Do. to Thomas Skinner for £5 — Do. — for Wood.

Do. to Thomas Webster for £4.16.0 — Do. — for Wood.

It app'g from a certificate of the comm'e of the county of Northumberland that Thomas Gaskins, jun'r, and Thomas Jones have an equal number of votes for the office of Captain in the regular service, and the s'd comm. refer it to this comm'ee to decide the appointment—Resolved, that it be remited to the s'd county comm. to determine the appointment, this comm. being op'o they have no power to descide in this case.

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A Warr't to Thomas Gaskins for £72 on acco't for the recruiting service in Northumberland county; bond with sec'y ex'd.
Adj'd till to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

THURSDAY, *the 8th February.*

Williams-
burg,
February 8,
1776

Present: The same members as yesterday.

A Recommend'n of the Comm'e of James City of five of their members to be a Court of Comm'rs returned and ordered Commissions issue.

A warrant to Robert Hyland, Door Keeper to this Comm'ee for £14.5 p'r account filed.

Resolved, John McTaggart and Thos. Kerr, be permitted to leave this Colony, previously advertiz'g accord'g to Act Assembly.

Resolved, Thomas Newman be permitted to pass from hence to Massachusetts Government, Jebez, Frederick, Jacob, Andoss.

A Warr't to Rd. Bray, p'r use of James Bray Johnson for £11.15 p'r acc't settled by Comm'rs for Corn.

A Warrant to Joseph Hawkins p'r use of John Hawkins for £600, on account as Commissary of Prov's.

A Warrant to Richard Bland, Esqr., for £50 on account, for the Commissioners of Salt petre works on James River.

A Pass to Wm. Wilson, Robt. Donaldson and John Bruce to goe to the Rockingham.

A Warrant to Capt. Robert Anderson for £167.16.3, the ball'ce of his account settled by the Comm'rs for the pay of and necess'rs for his Company. N. B.—Sundry Rugs, blanketts &c., to be ret'd when his Company is disbanded.

A Warrant to Colo. John Quarles for £11.3.10, allowed by the Comm'rs for sundry Expences of the Prince Wm. minute battalion.

A warrant to Griffin Fauntleroy for use of Capt John Webb, for £72 for the recruiting service in the Essex District. James Edmondson's letter lodged as security for a proper application &c., bond given.

Ord., a Warrant to Dr. John Minson Galt for £3.2.0 for horse hire, and a saddle and bridle furnished on the Hampton Expedition.

Mr. John Calvert is appointed to employ proper persons and furnish necessary material, and superintend the building of a row Galley according to plan delivered, to be employed in James river, of which when finished he is to have the command, and is to engage his officers and seamen, his certificates for the workmen's wages and necessaries, will be paid when produced, and the utmost expedition is recommended to him.

Ordered a Warrant to Mr. John Calvert for £50 upon account.

Ordered that Dr. Galt, Benjamin Powell, Robert Nicolson and Humphrey Harwood or any 3, being first swo. do appraise, Will, a negro man

belonging to Andrew Sprowle, and Dick, belonging to Hezekiah Halder, and return their appraisements to this committee.

Ordered a warrant to John McCarty for 30s. for services as a day labourer.

Ordered a warrant to Wills Wilson for £3.10.0 for a gun furn— for the army.

Adj'd till to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

FRIDAY, 9th February.

Present: The same members as yesterday.

Ord'd a warrant to Mr. Harry Innes for the use of Mr. James Calloway for £50, on account to furnish necess'ys for working the Lead Mines, and to Mr. Innes for £10 on accn't for his expenses com'g down on this business and returning, taking charge of the slaves to be sent to the Lead Mines at Rocky Ridge.

Mr. Harry Innes is empowered to agree with Colo. Byrd for the hire of two slaves to work the Lead Mines.

Ordered, a Warrant to the Rev. A. Waugh for £24.8.0 for his pay as a Chaplain to the Army.

Ord., a warrant to George Gardner for £6.7.0 for Freight of Flour.

Ord., a warrant to Colo. Thomas Elliot for use Capt. John Hickman for £66.15 for pay and Expenses of his voluntier company.

Ord., a warrant to Colo. Thomas Elliott for £4.17.6 for his pay, forage, &c.

Ord., a warrant to Colo. Thomas Elliott for use of John Quarles, £7.2.10½ for his pay and Expenses as an orderly Sergeant at Hampton, to the min. Batt.

Ord., a warrant to Walter Lenox for £15.9.4, p'r acco't all'd by commissioners for board and house rent to sick soldiers.

Ord., a warrant to Wm. Page, Express, for £34.16.6, the Ballance of his account to February 8th.

A certificate of the appointment of Regular Officers in the county of Prince William, also of the review of Capt. Leitch's company of regulars on the 5th Instant, ret'd and ordered to be registered.

Ord., a warrant to the Revd. David Griffiths for use Wm. Grayson for £11.0.0, for Arms, &c., furnished the publick, Min. Batt.

Ord., a warrant to Robert Dandridge for £3.10.0 for Gun furnished the Publick.

Ord., a warrant to Joseph Jones, Esqre., for use Robert Johnston for £15.14.0 for sundry medicines furnished the Army.

A certificate of the appointment of Regular officers in Fairfax county; also of the review of Capt. Fitzgerald's Company of Regulars on the 6th instant returned and ordered to be registered.

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Ord'd a warrant to Capt. John Fitzgerald for £92.10.0, for the bounty money and recruiting expenses of his company in Fairfax county.
Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

SATURDAY, 10th February.

Williams-
burg,
February 10,
1776

Present: The same members as yesterday.

Ordered a warrant to Littleberry Masby for £23.10.0 for arms furnished the publick: also £1.12.6 for comm's for his trouble &c., in purchasing the same.

Ordered a warrant to William Pearson for £8.5.9 for leather furnished the publick.

Ordered a warrant to David Jones for £2.4.6 for work done for the army.

A permit to George Graham to goe on board the Rockingham.

A certificate of the appointment of Commissioners in the countys of Louisa and Cumberland, and ordered Com's issue.

Ordered a warrant to John Stith for £72 for the recruiting service in Brunswick county.

Ordered a warrant to John Hodges for use Sam. Duval Jun'r £22.10, for waggon hire.

Ordered a warrant to John Hodges for £34.0.0 for waggon hire.

Ordered a warrant to David Griffith for use Robert Bowery for £2.2, for sundries furnished the Hospital at Hampton.

Ordered, a warrant to Capt. Thomas Nelson for £72.0— for the recruit— service in the York District.

A Letter wrote to the committee of safety of Maryland to advise them of the arrival of a 50-Gun man-of-war.

Ord., a warrant to Capt. George Johnson for £150 on acco't for disburse— of his company.

Ord., a warrant to Mr. Samuel Boush for £84.12.0 for Hay — of the Troops at Norfolk.

Ordered, a warrant to James Anderson for £119.3.10½, the ballance of account for Smith's work settled by the Commissioners.

A Letter wrote to Mr. Richard Graham that the repairs of the arms for the militia must be done at the Expense of Individuals who are able — for the poor, the comm'ee are to have the arms repaired and certify th— Expense, which will be paid by the Publick.

Mr. Tabb and Mr. Walker are appointed a comm'ee to agree with Mr. Jo. Anderson for the use of his Smith's Shop, Tools, Servants, &c., — accounts — the Publick.

A Letter wrote to Colo. George Mason, in answer to his of 3. — as follows: "Sir, &c. —

Ord., a warrant to John Sandford for use of George Mason and John Dalton for £1000 on account for furnishing prov's and necessaries for sundry vess. Williamsburg, February 10, 1776

Ord., a warrant to Nathan Bagnal for £11.10.0 for a quantity of Du—furnished the publick.

A Letter wrote to the Virginia Delegates in Congress, intimating the arrival of a 50-Gún man-of-war.

The Committee proceeded to allot the stations of the several regiments as follows: The first and sixth between York and James river. The second and seventh between York and Rappahan—. The third and fifth between Potowmack and Rappahanock. The fou— and eighth on the southside of James river.

Adjourned till Monday next 10 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

MONDAY, 12th February, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Page, Mr. Walker, Mr. Tabb, and Mr. Jones. Williamsburg, February 11, 1776

Ordered, a warrant to Mr. Thos. Miller for use Richard James for £99.6 for arms purchased for the publick.

Order upon Mr. Lynch for 10 pounds Gun Powder to Mr. Harry Innes — to work the Lead mines.

The comm'ee not having an immediate opportunity of transporting the several slaves intended to be sent to the foreign West Indies, and upon Examination the following — applied — and desirous of going to work at the Lead mines, where they may be — very beneficially for the colony. The comm'ee accordingly had them appraised by — persons on oath. and Colo. Henry is desired to send them under the proper escort to the county Lieutenant of Chesterfield, who is to receive and — them under like Guard of his militia to the Lieutenant of the next county, — county to county until they be delivered to Mr. James —, there to be employed for the publ—

[The leaf containing the rest of the proceedings of 12th February and the greater part of those February 13th (pages 9 and 10 of the original manuscript) has here disappeared. Page 11 of the original commences with the last two orders of February 13th, as follow below.—ED.'S NOTE.]

Ordered, a warrant to Capt. Edward Carrington for £20 on account for the recruiting service in the artillery company.

Same to Rev'd Mr. Andrews for £4 for making 4 drafts of a row Galley.

Adjourned til' to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

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WEDNESDAY, *14th February, 1776.*

Present: The same members as yesterday.

Ordered, a warrant to Alex'r Purdie for £2.5 for a Spy Glass furnished the army.

Same to same for £1.16.0 for books and papers furnished the army.

A Permit to Henry Bowcock to goe to Philadelphia.

A Letter wrote to Colo. Howe directing the discharge of the Culpeper Battalion.

A Letter of thanks to the Culpeper Battalion addressed to Colo. Stevens.

Ordered, a warrant to Thomas Keith for £72 for the recruiting service in Fauquier county.

Same to same for use Joseph Nelson and Andrew Obanyon for £62.10.0 for waggon hire min. Batt.

Same to Henry Davis for use John Talbot for £72 for the recruiting service in Bedford county. Bond lodged.

Same to same for £150 upon account for the purchase arms.

Same to James Dillard for £10— for the board of a sick soldier, &c.

A Letter to Mr. John Talbott agreeing to take the 400 lbs. lead sent with the powder from Mr. Lynch's, desiring him to purchase Hunting Shirts, Leggins, and Blanketts for the regular company in Bedford county, and inclosing a blank commission for the Judge in s'd county.

Ord., a warrant to David Minge for £77.13.8 for provision and wood furnished the Troops at Sandy Point, a militia guard.

Same to Messrs. Baker & Hardy for £2400 upon account, as contractors for provisions on the S. side James river.

Same to R'd Hardy for use Francis Young for £20 on a certificate of his service by Isle Wight committee as their cl'k.

Same to Capt. Burgess Ball for £20.10.0, the ballance of recruiting money in Lancaster District; also for £8.7.6 for arms purchased for the publick.

A certificate of the review of Capt. B. Balls company of regulars, ord. to be registered; see Mar. 18.

A permit to Charles Alexander to depart the Colony. Same to Anthony Roxbury for same.

The application of Mr. James Tate for a further sum of money to enable him to carry on the salt works, is rejected.

Ord. a warrant to Wm. Finnie for £9.4.11, the amount of his account settled and allowed by the Commr's.

Same to Mr. Thomas Archer for £50 upon account, for ye outfit of a Vessel.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

THURSDAY, 15th February, 1776.

Williams-
burg,
February 15,
1776

Present: The same members as yesterday.

Ord. a warrant to Wm. Bullit for £144 for the recruiting service in Dunmore county.

Same to William Murray for use Messrs. Gilliam and Gregory for £272. 13.4, for Captain Younghusbands order for the schooner Polly.

Same to Samuel Boush for use Thomas Bressie for £42.16.8, for the pay of himself and company as a guard at ye Great Bridge—militia.

Same to same for use Samuel Butt for £13.—for mare lost in publick service.

Same to John Dandridge for £3.10.0 for a Gun furnished the publick.

Same to Philip Moody for £10.0.0 for Gun sticks furnished the army.

Jame to Lieutenant Charles Harrison for £20 for the recruiting service in the Artillery company.

Ordered a Letter be wrote to Mr. Wm. Ronald, that his Drafts as far as £200 for the purchase of necessaries for the Eastern Shore Battalion, will be paid in Continental money in three months.

Certificate of Captain Davis's appointment to the command of a regular company in Northampton county returned.

Ord. a warrant to John Draper for £8 for 2 Guns furnished the publick.

Ord., a warrant to Colo. Wm. Harwood for £7.10.6 for horse hire for a company of Light Horse employed in Warwick for £1.8; an error in the former Provision account—militia.

Mrs. Margaret Goodrich, who was formally allowed to depart this colony with her three youngest children, and her son Bridges Goodrich, is allowed to take with her such slaves of her husband John Goodrich the Elder, as have been usually employed as domestic servants, giving notice thereof to the Cumm'ee of Nansmond previous to their removal.

A pass granted to John Goodrich junior, to go to Suffolk.

Ord., a warrent to Sarah Spotswood for £2.10.0 for nursing sick soldiers.

Same to Benjamin Fox for £0.17.6 for Fodder furnished the Troops, Culpeper Min. Batt.

Ordered a warrant to Jacob Falcon for use Edmund Wallis for 20s. for corn furnished the army, Wells Min. Comp'y.

Same to Capt. Wm. Goosley for £231.3.4 for the pay and provisions of his company stationed at York.

Same to Colo. Henry Field for £1635— upon account as Paymaster of the Culpeper District Battalion.

Same to Daniel Taylor for £8.0.0 for Fodder furnished the army.

Same to Thomas Ridley for £72— for recruiting service in Southampton co'ty.

Henry Field appeared and contracted with the Committee to victual

Williams- the Forces — 2d and 7th regiments to be stationed between York and
burg, Rappahannock Rivers as follows, viz't:
February 15, 14 oz. Bacon, 1½ lbs. Pickled pork or beef, 1½ Fresh Beef, 1½ Flour or
1776 1½ Sifted Indian Meal—p'r day. 1 Gill salt per week.

2 Rations Bacon, 2 Pickled Pork or beef, remaind'r fresh provisions—
p'r week; at the rate of 7d ½ per ration.

To be varied in case of sick soldiers, as the commanding officer may direct. This contract to take place on the 15th day of March next, and to continue until the first day of December next, the provisions to be at the risque of the contractors, except in case of accidents in the Field of Battle all provisions that may be on hand in that quarter at the commencement of this business to be taken (if to be spared) by the contractor, and in case of a discontinuance of the war all provision on the hands of the contractor to be taken by the country. The s'd Henry Field is to enter into Bond with sufficient security to perform the above contract.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

FRIDAY, 16th February, 1776.

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Present: The same members as yesterday.

Ord., a warrant to William Bentley for £4.0.0. on a certif'a of his services as cl'k to the committee of Hanover county.

Same to same for £72 for recruiting service in Hanover county. Bond with security ackn'd.

Same to James Barbour for £25.5.0 for drums furnished the Culpeper militia.

Same to Rob't Prentice for £9.0.0 for four Guns furnished the publick.

Same to Rob't Prentis & Co. for £7.10.3 for sundries furnished for use of the army.

Same to Capt. James Innes for £20 on acco't for recruiting service in ye artillery company.

Ordered, a warrant to Philip Richard Francis Lee for £72 for the recruiting service in Prince William county.

Order for 50 Guns and 25 lbs. powder, to be delivered out of the publick magazine to Capt. Charles Tomkies for use Gloster regulars, the s'd company to rendezvous at Burton point.

Order., a warrant to Capt. Charles Tomkies for £50— upon account to furnish provisions for his company.

Same to William Langhorne for use Jas. Calland £21.0 for provisions furnished the army.

Same to Samuel Boush for use John Jones for £4— for a Gun furnished the army. Min. Batt.

A Permit to Colo. Gordon to go to Colo. Corbins, in King and Queen Williams-
county. burg,

Ord., a warrant to Philip Richard Francis Lee for £26.13.4½ for the February 16,
pay and provision of his company of minute men. 1776

Same to John Cosby for £24.13.0 for provisions furnished a Guard of militia on duty in Prince George county.

Same to Jno. Draper for £1.10.0 for chair hire to convey Lieut. Batrett to Richmond.

Same to Lieutenant Joel Sturdivant for £36.19.3 for the pay of himself and company as a Guard of militia in Prince George county, examined and allowed by the comm'rs.

Same to Mr. William Barrett for £9.3.6 for Ferriages to the troops.

Same to Merritt Westwood for £27.15.0 for wood furnished at Hampton.

Same to same for use John Cowling £12.0.0 for Do.

Same to same for use Treas'r Mallory £27.0.0 for Do.

Same to Capt. William Smith for £101.15.0 for 38 Guns purchased for the use of his company of minute men, for paym't of w'ch money he is to produce rec'ts from the Individuals of whom he purchased the s'd Guns in one month.

Same to William Lively for 50s. for a Gun furnished the publick.

Same to John Farquharson for £7.15.8 for the amount of his accounts as publick Gardener. Sworne to in committee.

Ordered, That the Commissary of Provisions deliver to the Gardener — ration for himself and the slaves employed in the Publick service.

Colo. James Barbour, of Culpeper, appeared and contracted w'th the committee to supply the 5th reg't of Forces to be stationed at Richmond court-house, with the stated ration of Provisions at the rate of 8d per ration. This contract to commence the 1st day of April next, and to continue until 1st December following. The provis'o to be at the risque of the contractors, except in case of accidents in the field of Battle; all provis'o that may be on hand in that quarter at the commencement of this business to be taken (if to be spared) by the contractor, and in case of a discontinuance of the war, all provis'o on the hands of the contractors to be taken by the country. The said Jas. Barbour, with Henry Field his security, entered into and ackn'd bond in penalty of £10,000 for due performance of said contract.

Ordered, a warrant to Colo. James Barbour for £500 on acco't as contractor for the 5th Regiment.

Same to Henry Field for £600 on acco't as contractor for the second and seventh Regiments.

Same to Wm. Aylett for £52.6.0 for corn furnished the army.

Same for use Geo. Reid for £19.17.6 for Guns furnished the army.

Same to Thomas Randolph for £300.— on acco't as Paymaster of the Amelia Battalion minute men.

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Ordered, that Colo. Fleming, of the Eastern Shore regiment, be called into duty immediately. N. B.—A letter wrote.
Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, 17th February, 1776.

Present: The same members as yesterday.

Ord., a warrant to Solomon Shepherd for use Lewis Allmand for 11s. for Ferriages min. men.

Same to same for use James Murdaugh £62.17.6 for the pay of his company of minute men on duty in Princess Anne District.

Same to same for use Capt. Jno. Washington £46.0 for his expenses in conveying tory prisoners to W'msburg.

Same to Thos. Walker, Esqu., for use Capt. Washington for £120.15.0 for the pay of his company of minute men.

Same to Capt. Geo. Gibson for £57.17.10½ for the pay of his company.

Same to Goodrich Crump for use Augustine Moore for £15.10.0 for waggon hire.

Same to Solomon Shepherd for use Capt. Jno. Washington for £72 for the recruiting service in Nansemond county.

Same to Simon Triplett for £26— for waggon hire; also for use Joseph Farrow £11 for Do.; for use Jonathan Davis £16 for Do.; and for use Sam'l Evans for £5.13.6 for Do.

Same to Wm. Armistead, jun'r, for £4— for a Gun furnished the publick.

Same to Solomon Shepherd for use Capt. Chas. Conner for £197.11.6. the pay of his company of minute men stationed at Craney Island.

Same to same for £7.10.0 for his Expenses as Paymaster in attending the committee to settle sundry accounts.

Same to Wm. Stone for £9.10.0 for waggon hire.

Same to Chesley Jones for £2— for a Gun furnished the publick.

Doct. Wm. Pasterer is permitted to send any of his Effects by water carriage from the College Landing to Richmond Town.

Colo. Henry is empowered to reduce the minute men in Hampton into two companies, and to discharge the Supernumerary officers. It is left to him to determine whether it be proper to make the Entrenchment at Hampton proposed by Colo. Grayson; if he thinks it necessary he may direct Labourers to be employed, as the duty is hard upon the soldiers now there.

Ord., a warrant to Edm'd Pendleton, Esq'r, for use George Todd for £8.9.3 for sundry Expenses to the Soldiers.

Ordered, that John Craig deliver to Colo. Fielding Lewis or order what Pork or beef he may want for the Vessells employed in the Pub. service and the workmen employed in building them.

Ord., a warr't to Capt. Wm. Smith for £24.19.8, the Pay of his Co. of minute men for 4 days' Train'g duty in this month.

Colo. Henry is desired to direct the proper officer to lay before the comm'ee of safety a state of the arms and accoutrements in the Public magazine.

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Ord., a warrant to Mr. John Cox for use Mr. Joseph Nevill for £2000 upon account as contractor of provisions for the 3d regiment.

Same to same for use Joseph Nevill for £72 for the recruiting service in Hampshire.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

SUNDAY, 18th February, 1776.

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Jones, Mr. Page, and Mr. Walker.

Tho' there were not a sufficient number of members to make a comm'ee, yet important advices arriving from North Carolina, the above members thought it necessary for the public service to proceed therein, subject to the future controul of the comm'ee.

Ordered, that 500 lbs. powder and 500 lbs. Lead be delivered to Mr. Wm. Amis for the use of the province of North Carolina, the powder to be repaid in kind, if it can be done, or paid for at the price we give, and an Escort of 4 men thereto is allowed; and the following Letter was written to Colo. Long, &c.:

W^{MSBURG}, 17th Feb., 1776.

GENT'N:

Your favor of the 14th, came to us late last night, its intelligence is truly alarming, and seems to be the beginning of a scheme mention'd in the papers to be formed by admon. of sending Troops early to attack your province and ours, which Gov'r Martin had promised to second by raising a number of men with you; however this be, it is prudent we should unite in the exertion of all our powers to suppress it as soon as possible. Powder is scarce with us, we could not, however, avoid sending you a part of our small stock, and have delivered ye messenger 500lbs. to be returned in kind, if supplies enable you, otherwise to be paid for at ye price we give. Of lead we have no large quantity here, and besides, apprehend it would retard your messengers return unnecessarily to send your proportionate quantity of that; we therefore only send 500lbs for immediate use, not doubting but every house almost will afford assistance if necessary in that article. Our regulars are raising fast, but none of them imbodyed except ye two old regiments stationed here and at Suffolk, from whence circumstances will not admit of their being sent, and we can only assist you in men from Militia or Volunteers of the counties bordering on you, all of whom we are persuaded, you will find ready to afford you any assistance in their powers from Pitsylvania and Mecklenburg, we

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had rec'd intimations of their expecting such a call and inclination to go to your assistance, and had our orders to be ready for a march, when you called for them; from the former you may expect some of our best Riflemen. Great as we consider the benefits derived to us from the command of Colo. Howe, we can't think of detaining him a moment when he is so much wanted in his own Country, we shall therefore send an express to him with your dispatches, and request him to repair to yo. with all Expedition.

We wish you success and are,
Gent., Y'r most obed't serv't,

EDM'D PENDLETON, Presid't.

The Committee also sent copies of the said dispatches to Colo. Howe in the following letter:

W^MSBURG, *February 18th, 1776.*

SIR:

We last night rec'd from ye Halifax Town, the dispatches of which I have now the honor of inclosing you copies. We, out of our small stock of Ammunition, could avoid sparing you 500lbs. and some lead, w^{ch} their messenger has received. Our counties bordering on y'r Province, we are persuaded, will chearfully march to their assistance, the moment they are called on, and are the more strongly assured of this from having rec'd intimations of what is now doing, from our counties of Pitsylv'a and Mecklenburg, and their wishes to be allowed to march to ye assistance of their neighbors, w^{ch} we directed them to hold themselves in readiness for and to go whenever called on, these I hope are already wth you, and from the former you'll get some of our best Riflemen. You'll observe, Sir, wth what friendly politeness they request y'r return. We should be wanting in Gratitude, as well as every other feeling, if we impeded this reasonable requisition and cont'd to retain the great benefit of your judicious and experienced command when y'r own country so much requires your assistance; this comm'ee therefore cannot hesitate in beseech'g y'o to repair to them as soon as you can make it convenient, and to accept their reiterated thanks for the eminent services you have rendered the common cause and this colony, in particular during the time we have been fav'd wth y'r assistance, anything you may think of further service you'll please communicate to Lieut. Colo. Scott, upon whom the command will devolve. You'll also judge whether it is most for the common good, to have y'r men or any of them, or carry them home; if you should judge our numbers too small to secure the posts, and on that account leave y'rs for the present, we hope they may soon be relieved, as we have ordered the regular companies designed for that station to repair thither as fast as raised. Or Colo. Scott may perhaps call in militia for

the present, to save the necessity of your men staying, who no doubt will be anxious to return with you. You'll be so obliging as to give our Commissary a proper certificate to entitle us to a credit with the Continent, for any provisions he may have furnished your troops. I wish you health and that you may soon crush those vile wretches, who are endeavoring to destroy a Country which has fostered them. For and by order of the Committee of Safety, I have the honor to be with great regard,

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Sir, Your most obed't servant,
EDM'D PENDLETON, President.

The following letter was also written to Colo. Scott:

WILLIAMSBURG, *February 18th, 1776.*

Sir:

It gives us concern that an accident has happened which puts it out of our power to gratifie your reasonable request to be indulged with a Furlough for the present. Disturbances in North Carolina have made Colo. Hows's return there absolutely necessary, and, of course, your stay to take the command unavoidable, in discharge of which we doubt not you will exert y'r usual vigilance and prudence. If the arrival of Troops to the Enemy should make it necessary, you'll call in drafts of militia from the neighboring counties, as yo' may judge proper, corresponding regularly with the comm'ee on that, and every other occasion, where information to us may be necessary. The 4th and German Regiments are, when raised, to be stationed in your quarter, and we have required the officers to repair to it as soon as they can. We imagine it will not be long before Colo. Stephens gets down, and then we shall with pleasure grant your leave of absence, and your future station is between York and Rappahannock. For and by order of the Comm'ee of Safety, I am,

S'r, Your most obed't servant,

ED'MD PENDLETON, P.

Adjourned till to-morrow, 9 o'clock.

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MONDAY 19th February, 1776.

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Page, Mr. Digges, Mr. Jones, Mr. Walker.
A permit to William Thompson, James Brown, and John Brander, to leave the colony.

Ord., a warrant to Thos. Haughton for £1.12.0 for Fodder furnished the Army.

Same to Wm. Langley for £8.19.0 for wood furnished Do.

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Same to Jno. Langley for £10.15.0 for Do.

A Letter wrote to the Hon. Richard Corbin, Esq're, as follows: Sir, &c. filed.

A L're wrote Colo. Stephen to desire he would repair to his Station at Suffolk as soon as possible. Approve of his furnish'g musquets and sent him £200 on account. A warr't to Anthony Noble for it.

A L're to Edw'd Snickers that he need not continue to purch'e Prov'ns except for Pet'sb'g, as we have ent'd into contracts for those Reg'ts—pleased he has laid out the £1,000 for arms, and are willing he may engage for another £1,000 in musquets.

A L're to Capt. John Neavil to call in Aids of minute men or militia if any Hostilities by the Indians that his forces can't suppress, send'g an acco't thereof to the comm'ee.

L're to Joseph Neaville that £2,000 was sent him on account as contractor, and £72 recruiting money for Hampshire.

Mr. Anthony Noble, of Berkeley, appeared and contracted with the comm't to furnish 1,000 cartouch boxes, Belts and Bayonet cases at the price of 9s. each to be delivered at Dumfries and Richmond courthouse on or before the 10th day of April next, to be approved off by each of ye command'g officers at those stations.

Present: Richard Bland, Esquire.

Richard Bland, Esq're, produced a receipt from Jacob Rubsuman, manager of the Saltpetre works on James and Appomattox rivers for the £50 which was advanced to the s'd R'd Bland on account, to be paid to the Comm'rs for carrying on the same, which is ordered to be registered.

Instructions to Colo. Wm. Aylett to purchase sundry articles in Pennsylvania or Maryland for the use of the Army, and a letter of credit to our Delegates on that occasion.

Ordered, a warrant to Doctor Alexander Skinner for £24.5.1. for the Hospital Expenses.

Same to same for £195.5.7 for Sundrie Medicines furnished the army.

A Letter to the comm'ee of Northampton county, requesting them to employ at the public Expense one light, swift sailing vessel, to ply on and off the capes, and give Intelligence to the Philad'a Fleet of the strength of the British navy now here, and to continue the same 10 or 12 days.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, 20th February, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. V.-President, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Walker.

Ordered, a warrant to Charles Barham for £23.17.4. for the pay of himself and company, a Guard of militia on duty.

Messrs. Edward Stabler and Robert Pleasant are permitted to load in James River a small vessel with Provisions, to be carried to New Town and Kemps landing, on Elizabeth River, for the relief of the unhappy sufferers by the Fire at Norfolk, giving notice to the comm'ee of the county where the Provisions are laden, who are desired to appoint proper persons to see that nothing improper is done.

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Ord., a warrant to Colo. Geo. Brooke for £5000 upon account as Paymaster of the 1st Regiment, and for the pay of the 2d Regiment.

Same to Thomas Carter for £5. for a rifle Gun furnished the public.

Same to Jno. Dandridge for £3. for a Gun furnished the public.

Same to Wm. Minifees for £26.3.3 for waggon hire.

Same to Capt. Thos. Peyton for £198.5.1 for the pay of his minute company on duty in Gloucester. N. B.—2 musketts, 1 rifle, 5 Potts, 2 frying pans, and 31 cartridge boxes, to be ret'd by Capt. Peyton when his company is discharged.

Same to Capt. R'd Matthews for use Jos. Seawell for £1.7.6 for Diett furnished Capt. Mathews' volunteer comp'y.

Same to Wm. Westwood for £9.5.0 for wood furnished the army.

Same to Thos. Hughes for £5.10.0 for a rifle Gun furnished the army.

Same to same for use Wm. Plume £2.5.6 for Horse hire.

A Letter written to Colo. Howe as follows: Sir, &c. (vide filed).

A Letter wrote to Colo. Munford in answer to his of ye 12th Inst., that we had sent 500 p'd of powder to the comm'ee of N. Carolina, of which his militia would have ye benefit if called to their assistance and could not spare any more, y't we had sent ye militia comm's, and those for the Judges are desired, and sent y'u £72 recruited money for ye Mecklenburg company by Henry Dalaney, jun'r.

Ord., a warr't to Henry Dalaney, jun'r, for £72.0.0 for the recruiting service in Mecklenburg county; also £5.0.0 for an Express.

A Letter wrote to the Virgi'a Delegates in Congress, informing that we have not yet procured a copy of Fort Stanewix treaty, but expect to procure it and send a copy; that a frigate and two other ships are arr'd; that Colo. Corbin is gone on board L'd Dunmore's ship to talk w'th him respecting the Governor's Letter to him.

Ord., a warrant to Chesley Jones for £3.10.0 for a Gun furnished the public.

On a representation of the proceedings of the District comm'ee of Essex and Midd'x counties respecting the choice of officers for a company of regulars. It appears that 3 members were regularly chosen by ye comm'ee of Essex to act for them in District comm'ee, y't the comm'ee of Midd'x appoint'd James Mountague, Lewis Mountague, Thomas Stegar, and Philip Mountague, or any three of them, to act as their members in the s'd District comm'ee; y't at a meeting of the District comm'ee regularly appointed the 3 members from Essex and 4 from Midd'x all

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met, Mr. Segar demanding his seat as ye 3d person named in ye Midd'x nomination, but an erroneous certificate being produced, in w'ch he was the 4th p'son named, Mr. Segar was excluded from his seat and Mr. Philip Mountague admitted in his room; in consequence of which, It appears that a different person was chosen for 1st Lieutenant than would otherwise have been chosen. On consid'n whereof, It is the opinion of this Board that Mr. Philip Mountague had not nor hath any right to sit or vote in the District comm'ee but in the absence of one of the other members; that therefore the proceedings of the s'd District comm'ee, on ye 2d of this month, were wholly void, and It is recommended to the s'd comm'ee to assemble again and proceed to ye choice of officers in like manner as if nothing had been done at the former meeting.

Ord., a warrant to John Hunter for £2.15.6 for services in painting the carriage, Guns, &c.

Same to Cole Digges, jun'r, £40.15.0 for Fodder furnished the army.

Same to Henry Brown £33.18.0 for Ditto.

Same to William Ratcliff £12.6.0 for Ditto.

A proposition for puting into duty, Capt. Smith's Company of minute men in Gloster is rejected.

Ord., that Henry King, Miles King, Roe Cowper and Jacob Wray, or any three of them do appraise the sloop Molly, Samuel Sirvant Master, belonging to Wm. Turner, Arch'd Brown and James Waldrop, with her sails, rigging and apparel, that they also enquire into the Quantity of Salt imported in the s'd vessel and taken by the public, and estimating the same at 4s. per bushel, that they state an acco't of that and the appraisement of the vessel, so as to shew what will be the amount of the third part thereof.

A Certif'a of appointment of Judges in Accomack and Mecklenburg counties ret'd and ord. to be Registered, also of Militia officers in ye latter county.

A letter written to Colo. Howe, leaving it to him to judge from all circumstances whether it is best for him to stay or return, until he receives positive orders for the latter from North Carolina, requesting the continuance of the Culpeper Battalion, until other men can be got down to relieve them, and recommending the maintainance of the Post at Kemper landing, as long as he may think it can be done consistant with prudence and the safety of the Troops.

A letter written to the Council of Safety in N. Carolina, requesting their approbation and consent for Colo. Howe's stay here, and intimating whether the arrival of some Troops and Ships of war, may not render it of the greatest service to the interests of both, tho' we would not wish him to stay against their interests, however useful we find him here.

A permit to Joseph Wright to depart the colony.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

WEDNESDAY, 21st February, 1776.

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Present: The same members as yesterday.

Commissions issued for the following minute officers in Mecklenburg District: Samuel Garland, Captain, John Garland, Lieut., and William Glenn, Ensign, also Robert Dixon a Lieutenant and Alexander Winn, Ensign.

Ord., a warrant to John McLaughton for £11.18.8 for express hire.

Certificate of the review Capt. James Johnston's company of regulars of Mecklenburg County returned, and ordered to be registered.

Ordered a warrant to Benja. Tomlinson for 40s. an express from Lunenburg.

A letter wrote to the Several Counties, of Amherst, Buckingham, Charles City, Prince George, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, New Kent, Dinwiddie, Pittsylvania and Spotsylvania requesting them to hasten the march of their Companies allotted to the 6th regiment and to be stationed at this place (a copy filed).

Ord., a warrant to Martin Hawkins for 55s. for a Gun furnished the Army.

Same to Same for £72.12.2 for Forage furnished the Army.

Same to Capt. Isaac Younghusband for £100 upon account for necessaries for the Vessels in James river.

Same to Robt. Gibbons for £7.1.1½ for repairing arms, &c.

Ordered, that Colo. Henry shall direct to be delivered to Apollos Cowper forty rifle Guns for the use of Capt. West's company, and that he direct Capt. West to put them into the hands of such of his company as best understand the use of them.

Ordered, that Colo. Henry direct the sending 500 lbs powder for the use of the Troops at Suffolk.

Ord., a warrant to R'd Bland, Esquire, for £6.0.0 for a Gun, two Bayonets, Cartouch Box, &c., &c., furnished the public.

A Letter wrote to the several Committees of Hanover, Henrico, Chesterfield, Caroline, Louisa, King William, King & Queen, and Spotsylvania, directing the march of their regular companies to this place as soon as reviewed.

Ord., a warrant to Thady Kelly for £7.13.9 for Expenses, &c., ab't the Indian hostages.

Same to same, for £2.0.0 for mounting the cannon.

Same to Mrs. Kemp for £4.17.6 for boarding Bawbe.

Ord., a warrant to Thos. Walker, Esq're, for £2.12.6 for p'r Leather breeches and a Hatt furnished Bawbe.

A Letter wrote to Colo. Henry as follows: Sir, &c., (vide copy filed).

A Letter wrote to Colo. Howe as follows: Sir, &c., (vide copy filed).

A Letter wrote to County Lieutenant of James City, as follows: Sir,

Williams- &c., and a Letter of the like sort written to the County Lieut.'s of York,
 burg, Warwick, Elizabeth City, Gloucester, Surry, Southampton, Isle of Wight,
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THURSDAY, 22d February, 1776.

Present: The same members as yesterday.

A permit to John Hambleton to depart the colony.

Ord., a warrant to Jacob Cunes for £40.17.6 for repairing sundry arms.

- Same to Captain John Watkins for £72 for recruiting service in Surry county; bond ackn'd.

Same to Nat'l Burwell, Esq're, for £1.9.1 for necessaries furnished the army.

A commission issued for the Judges of Caroline county.

A certificate of the appointment of regular officers in Surry county ret'd and ord'd to be regist'd.

Ord., a warrant to William Finnie for £25.0 for a Gun furnished the publick.

Same to Martin Hawkins for £286.3.4½ for rum and other articles furnished the Troops at Hampton, as settled by the commissioners; also 16s. 6d. for Express hire.

Same to Capt. Charles Judkins for £252.19.10 for the pay of himself and company, a Guard of militia on duty in Surry county. Memo.—About 1000lbs. Pork remaining of the Provisions in the hands of Colo. Wm. Brown, and some Beef in the hands of Capt. Judkins, to be deliv'd to the person who victuals the regulars in that county.

Same to same for use Wm. Simmons for 18s. 4d. for sundries settled and allowed by ye comm'rs prior to 1st Nov'r.

The comm'ee being informed that the officers on duty at Hampton have considered themselves as intituled under a former order of this comm'ee to draw Rations of rum daily, according to the Provision regulations, have revised the said order and find it to extend no further than the private soldiers (with the officers whilst on Guard), to whom this allowance was made on account of the Inclement Season, and was never meant to be an established allowance or to Extend to the Field officers, or other officers, except for the time they were actually on Guard. All Rum, therefore, that has been drawn from Mr. Martin Hawkins contrary to this resolution by the officers, they must pay for on their private account; and as better weather may now be expected, the allowance of Rum to the soldiers is to be discontin'd except in cases of mounting Guard in bad weather, to be particularly ordered by the commanding officer at the station.

Ordered, a warrant to Gardner Fleming for £12.0.0, part of the money voted by convention for the sufferers at Norfolk; also that he be assisted with two waggon to remove his effects as far as Cobham.

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Same to William Farrows for £33.10.0 for waggon hire.

Same to William Pasteur for £155.15.1 for medicines and attendance on the army.

Mr. Walter Hatton, of Accomac county, being taken up for trial by the comm'ee of that county as having written a Letter to Nathaniel Coffin, Esqu., containing sentiments very unfriendly to the rights of America, an extract from w^{ch} was published in Mr. Purdie's Gazette of ye 2d Instant, was at his own request refer'd by the s'd comm'ee to the determination of this board. Mr. Hatton accordingly appeared, and being shown the manuscript Extract from the said Letter transmitted from Philadelphia, declared himself well satisfied that it was faithfully taken from the original, and was willing the comm'ee should proceed to his Trial upon that as his L^re; he at the same time expressed his contrition for having written the Letter, and his intention in future to conduct himself without offence; whereupon he was desired to retire, and reduce to writing what he was willing to say on that subject, and deliver it in the next morning. He accordingly, the next day, gave in the following paper, viz't: Whereas, &c. (see it filed), which being satisfactory to the comm'ee, Mr. Hatton is discharged, and recommended to ye friends of America to be restored to the peace and protection of Society so long as he observes the rule of conduct he has promised as aforesaid. And it is ordered, that these proceedings be published in the Virginia Gazette.

Ordered, that Benjamin Powell, Richard Morris, and Lieut. Goodrich Crump do examine the several Effects in the Palace, contained in the Inventory formerly ret'd, and report to this comm'ee whether any or what part are missing.

Ord., a warrant to Capt. Robert Anderson for £199.5.0 for the pay of his company.

Joshua Whitehurst appeared before the comm'ee and expressed his contrition for the part he had taken in assisting the Enemies of America, which he was induced to do by the persuasion of some neighbours and the threats of Lord Dunmore. At the same time gave his Parole to give no assistance or Intelligence to the Enemy; whereupon he is discharged.

Ordered, a warrant to Colo. Richard Morris for John Hawkins for £400 on account as commissary of Provisions.

Same to Jane Volee for £20.7.0 for a horse imprest in ye public service and lost at Hampton.

A letter written to Colo. Howe: Sir, &c. (vide copy filed).

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

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burg,
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1776

FRIDAY, 23d February, 1776.

Present: The same members as yesterday.

Ord., a warrant to Archibald Govan for £476.8.0 for wheat furnished the Troops at Hampton.

A commission issued for the Judges of Buckingham County p'r Recom'n.

Ord., a warrant to Capt. Andrew Leitch for £59.10.0 for arms furnished the public.

Same to Timothy Lester for £3.10.0 for a Gun furnished the publick.

Same to William Graves for use Carter Burwell for £3 for Fodder furnished the Army.

Same to Jacob Cunes for £2.15.0 for a Gun furnished the public.

Same to James Cocke for £4.10.0 for two Guns furnished Do.

Same to Mrs. Betty Randolph for £2.5.0 for Fodder furnished Do.

Same to John Blair for £5.5.0 for sundry Barrels furnished ye Magazine.

Same to Timothy Lester for £3.0.0 for a Gun furnished the public.

Same to Pleasant Cocke for £19.4.0 for pay of himself and company, a Guard of Militia on duty at Brandon.

Same to Same for use Benjamin Harrison of Brandon for £26.6.0 for prov'o to a Company of Militia, for use Wm. Allison for £15.2.2 for the pay of his Company of Militia.

Same to Samuel Harwood for £38.5.0 for his pay &c., as a Major of the Minute Battalion.

Same to Mr. Jacob Bruce for £29.10.0 for sundry accounts settled and allowed by the Comm'rs.

A commission issued for the Judges of Albemarle County per cert'e.

A Certifa of Militia officers in Buckingham County ret'd and ord. to be regist'd.

Mr. John Hardy, Colo. Whitmore Hill and Mr. John Hawkins, this day appeared before the Comm'ee and were heard pursuant to a former appointment, on the subject of Mr. Hill's having sold and delivered to Mr. Hardy, a quantity of Hogs he had engaged to deliver to Mr. Hawkins at Williamsburg for the use of the Army. On hearing the matter, it appears Mr. Hill acted fairly, and was induced to part with his hogs, on a misinformation he had received concerning a parcel he had formerly sent to W'msburg. That Mr. Hardy had also purchased fairly, and that Mr. Hawkins had done his duty in the representation he had made of this matter to the Comm'ee. And upon the whole ye Comm'ee think it will be just between the public and Mr. Hill, to accept the terms he mentioned to Mr. Hardy at the time of sale, to allow the public the advanced price Mr. Hardy gave. It is therefore ord'd that Mr. Hardy do retain in his hands for the use of ye public, 3s.4d. p'r cwt. on all ye Pork he purchased

of Mr. Hill, and pay him the residue. And that Mr. Hill be at liberty to receive ye money due to him from Mr. Hawkins, formerly directed to be retained. Williamsburg, February 23, 1776

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

ED'MD PENDLETON.

SATURDAY, 24th February 1776.

Williamsburg, February 24, 1776

Present: The same members as yesterday.

Ord., a warrant to Lewis Burwell jun'r for £8.8.0 for wood furnished the army.

Same to Capt. Andrew Leitch for £300.0.0 upon account to be advanced £50 to each company of the minute men in Prince William Battalion.

Same to John Hawkins for £500 upon account as Commissary of Provisions.

Same to Chrs. Calvert for £20 part of ye money ordered by Convent'o for ye relief of ye poor sufferers at Norfolk.

Same to Rev'd. Mr. David Griffiths for £30—for two month's pay as Surgeon to ye Prince William Battalion.

Same to Griffin Fauntleroy for £5 for 2 Guns furnished the army.

A Letter wrote to Colo. Lewis of Gloster. Sir &c., (as follows.)*

Ord., a warrant to George Reid for £3.18.0 for a Gun furnished ye public.

Same to Thos. Walker Esq're for use Saml. Calvert for £21.10.0 for sundries furnished the Troops at Norfolk.

A letter written to the District Comm'ee of Safety for Edenton District in North Carolina as follows (Gentlemen &c).

Ord., a warrant to Wm. Shepherd for £3.13.0 for Express hire.

A letter written to John Crockett as follows (Sir, &c).

Ord., a warrant to Mr. William Lewis for use Robert Richards for £12. 16.10 for Prov'o furnished Capt. Johnston's Company of regulars—prior to 1st Nov'r last.

A Commission issued to the Judges of Surry County p'r Cert'e.

A permit to James Stevens of Hallifax to depart the Colony.

Adjourned 'till Monday 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

MONDAY, 26th February, 1776.

Williamsburg, February 26, 1776

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Page, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Walker.

A commission to the Judges of Westmoreland county. Do. of Northampton county, p'r cert'e.

*This, doubtless, should have been "as filed."

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A certificate of Regular officers, minute and militia officers in Westmoreland county, returned and ordered to be registered.

Ordered, a warrant to Mr. John Pendleton, jun'r, for £2.10.0, paid an Express hire on service of this comm'ee.

Same to John Clayton for £4.0.0 for a Gun furnished the army.

A Letter written to Colo. Howe, informing him of the sailing of the mercury King fisher some Tenders and transports w'th Gen'l Clinton and the Troops who designed as the young officers say to call at Cape Fear on a visit to Gov'r Martin, and then to proceed to South Carolina, approving of his intrenchments at Suffolk and desiring him to discharge the Culpeper Batalion as soon as 3 companies should arrive to relieve them of this last. Colo. Stevens was also informed by L're.

Ordered, a warrant to Elias Pea for £7.0.0 for 2 Guns furnished the Army.

Same to Chesley Jones for £6.0.0 for 2 Guns furnished the Army.

An appraisement of the Sloop Molly with her apparel, the property of Messrs. Wm. Turner, Arch'd Brown and James Wadrop, being returned amounting to £150, and a certificate of the Salt delivered amounting to 1181 bushels at 4s p'r bushel is £236.4.0.

Ordered, that the sloop and apparel be delivered to the s'd Turner and Brown, and that a warrant issue for £107.9.4 to them, the ballance due on account of the s'd vessel and cargo, the comm'ee retaining out of the price of the Salt 128£. 14s. 8d. Waldrop's third of the vessel and cargo, he having been in arms against the colony.

A permit to Mr. Arch'd Brown to leave the colony.

Pr'sent Mr. Lee.

Instructions given to Capt. Geo. Goosley of the Brig Liberty's, $\frac{3}{4}$ belonging to ye public and $\frac{1}{4}$ to Mr. Wm. Ronald of York Town, as follows: You, &c., (vide copy filed), also a Bond for performance thereof, &c., ackn'd and ord. to be entered.

Ord., a warrant to Anto. Digge, junior, for £15.7.0 for a horse, saddle and Bridle impressed into ye public service and lost at Hampton expedition.

Same to J. Pearson for 36s. for shoes furnished the slaves ord'd to ye mines.

Same to Wm. Ellison for £4.4.6 for Express hire.

Same to Mrs. Mary Gibbon for £2.9.7 for sundries furnished the army.

Same to Mr. James Davidson, for £5 for a rifle Gun furnished Do.

Same to James Jarvis for £4.8.9 for Express hire.

Adjourned til' to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

TUESDAY, 27th February, 1776.

Williams-
burg,
February 27,
1776

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Lee, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Walker.

A permit is granted John Shelton of Richmond to depart the colony.

A warrant to Colo. Jos. Cabell for £200 for the purchase of arms, (on acco't).

Same to Thomas Wild for £23.5.9½ for sundries furnished the army prior to 1st Nov'r.

Same to Ferdinand Oneal for £26.13.8 for waggon hire.

Same to Thos. Walker for use of Archibald Cary for £200 on acco't for the purchase of arms.

Same to John Fields for £8.10.0 for wood furnished the Army. Bartlet Fields for use John Fields.

Same to Thomas Wooten £14.0.0 for wood furnished Army.

Same to John Cooper for £15.15.0 for Fodder furnished do.

Same to Dickenson Shields for £15.0 for a Gun furnished do.

A certificate of Minute Officers in Chesterfield county ret'd and ordered to be registered.

A como. issued to Archibald Cary, Benjamin Watkins, John Archer, Joseph Bass and Robert Goode, a court of Commissioners for Chesterfield county—p'r cert'e.

P'sent Mr. Page.

A warrant to Benjamin Bucktrout for £17.8.0 for 6 Guns furnished the public.

An order inclosed to Wm. Ronald on acco't upon the Virg'a Delegates in congress for 5,000 Dollars, out of the money received by them fm the continental Treasury for the use of this colony.

A Blank Como. issued for the Judges of Amherst County.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

WEDNESDAY, 28th February, 1776.

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1776

Present: The same members as yesterday.

A Letter wrote to the committee of Augusta county in answer to theirs relative to the station of their regular company, informing them that this comm'ee are well satisfied with the conveniency of the s'd station, and cannot take any order therein.

A Letter wrote to Colo. Wm. Cabell in answer to his of the 17th Instant, informing him that this comm'ee approve of his furnishing the Amherst regulars with arms and necessaries, and have furnished Colo. Joseph Cabell with the money required for so doing. We also approve

Williams- of his purchasing the Linnens mentioned and of embracing the oppor-
burg, tunity by Mr. Wood's waggons of bringing down the Beef and Pork, &c.
February 28, A warrant to Thos. Walker, Esq're, for Benjamin Isbell for £18.4.8 for
1776 his pay, &c., as quartermaster at Hampton, for minute men.

A certificate of the review of Charles City regulars ret'd and ord. to be registered.

A warrant to Cuthbert Hubbard for 40s. for house rent.

Same to Geo. Purdie for 55s. for a Gun furnished ye public.

Same to Rob't Combs £31.0.9 for waggon hire.

A Pass to Thomas Steele to depart the colony.

A warrant to Adjutant William Johnson for £27.10.1½ for pay and forage from 26th December last.

Same to Colo. Theod. Bland for £5.18.8 for the use and pay of the Guard at City Point (militia).

Same to same for £11.18.0 for Do.

Same to William Hankin for £8.8.0 for Fodder furnished the army.

A Letter written to Colo. Howe as follows: Sir, &c. (copy filed).

A Letter written to Colo. Henry as follows: Sir, &c.

A Letter written to our Delegates in Congress as follows: Gent., &c.

A warrant to R'd Cocks for £32.17.2, the amo't of his acco't settled by the comm'rs for £31.10.0 for waggon hire.

Same to Mr. James Wall for £29.10.0 for waggon hire.

Same to James Sheilburne for £8.0.0 for Fodder furnished the army.

Same to R'd Cocks for £20 for his additional trouble and Expense in issuing Provis's as well as purchasing and delivering outstores as commissary of Southamp. District.

Patrick Henry, Esquire, appeared in consequence of the Letter wrote him, and being offered his commission, received from the cont. Congress to be Colo. of ye 1st Battalion, declared he could not accept the same.

William Christian, Esq're, appeared and accepted of his commission as Lt-Colo. of the 1st regiment.

A warrant to Robert H. Hooe for £27.5.3 for his pay, &c., from 26th Dec'r last as adju't to min'e Battalion at Hampton.

Same to James Shields for £172.10.0 for corn and Fodder furnished the army.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

THURSDAY, 29th February, 1776.

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February 29,
1776

Present: The same members as yesterday.

A warrant to Theo. Bland, Esq're, for use Arch'd Cary, Esq're, for £156.2.10½ for necessaries furnished for the use of the army—clothing.

Same to John Ellis for £7.10.0 for waggon hire. Voucher mislaid.

Ord., that Colo. Fielding Lewis be desired to purchase Capt. Lurty's vessel mentioned in his L're of the 24th for public use, to be employed as one of the cruisers for Rappahannock river. Williamsburg, February 29, 1776

Ord., a warrant to Nicho's Faulcon for use John Hartwell Cocke for £6.16.11 for sundries furnished ye army prior to 1st Nov'r, '75.

Same to same for use same for £9.0.0 for wood furnished do.

Same to same for use Anne Cocke for £1.5.4 for ferriages.

A commission issued to the Judges of Princess Anne county for cert'e.

Same to the Judges of King William county for cert'e.

A warrant to Thomas Harris for £7.14.0 for the ballance of his acc't as Public armourer.

Same to Wm. Laurence for £2.15.0 for a Gun furnished the army.

Same to Alex'r S. Dandridge for £11.1.3 for his rations as aid-de-camp to Colo. Henry.

Patrick Henry, Esquire, settled his account of money laid out for contingent Expenses; balance due to him £12.7.9, for w'ch he rec'd an order to have credit with the commissary of stores.

A certificate of the review of Capt Holt Richeson, of King W'm's regular company, ret'd and or'd to be registered; also of militia officers in s'd county. See April 6.

Wm. P. Martin ret'd to the committee 4£ rec'd by mistake for a Gun purchased by him of Mr. James Quarles for the public use, and for which Mr. Quarles had before rec'd payment, w'ch money Mr. Walker took and deducted out of his warrant for £200.

Upon considering a Pet'o from Jacob Elligood, the comm'ee came to ye following resolution: The committee are concerned for Mr. Elligood's situation, but cannot think it proper to permit him to visit his estate at this time. They were in hopes the permission given to Colo. Gordon would have produced a proposition on the part of L'd Dunmore for an Exchange of Prisoners, but as it has not had that effect we have little reason to expect success from a second visit of that sort. We are determined in future not to keep prisoners in this city, and therefore Mr. Elligood must prepare for a removal up the country, which, however, will not retard an Exchange, as he will be sent for on settling a Cartel.

A warrant to Mr. Geo. Brown for £4.5.0 for a musquet and Bayonet furnished ye army.

Same to Holt Richeson for £20.10.0 for recruiting Expenses, &c., and the bounty of 2 men formerly omitted.

The order for the march of Capt. Holt Richeson's company is suspended until Wednesday next to enable him to procure Blankets for his men.

If the militia officers in King W'm county will consent to let Capt. Richardson have as many of their county musquets as will arm his men, the comm'ee of safety, on behalf of the public, engage for their safe

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return, or to pay for repairs of such as may receive damage, or the value of any that may be lost.

John Burnes, of King William, Taylor, is empowered to make up the cloth to be rec'd of Mr. Richard Banks into suits of cloaths in midling and large size at 10s. a suit.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

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burg,
March 1,
1776

FRIDAY, 1st March, 1776.

Present: The same members as yesterday.

A certificate of the review of Capt. John Thornton's rifle company of Culpeper, returned and ord. to be registered; also of Capt. Geo. Slaughter, of ye s'd county, his review. See May 17; Mar. 11.

A warrant to Thomas Camp for £4.10.0, the ballance of his wages as waggon master.

Same to Tully Robinson for £12.12.0 for wood furnished the army.

Same to same for use Fred'k Boush for £90.1.8 for the pay of Capt. Boush and company, a guard of militia in Princess Anne county.

Same to Capt. George Slaughter, 8th Reg't, for £20.10.0, the ballance of Bounty money and for recruiting expenses.

Same to Capt. Slaughter for £176.10.0 for one month's pay of his company, to be paid them as it becomes due and accounted for by Captain Slaughter.

Same to Thomas Camp for use Capt. John Thornton for £20.10.0 for recruiting expenses and the ballance of bounty money; also for himself £27.10.0 for 5 rifles purchased for the use of the public. Sw. to.

A certifi'a of the review of Capt. Wallace's company, of King George county, the 23d Feb'y, ret'd and ord'd to be registered.

A warrant to Mr. Michael Wallace for use Capt'n G. B. Wallace for £92.10, the recruiting Expenses and bountey money.

Same to Nicho. Faulcon for use Rob't Pyland for 18s. for sundries furnished the army.

Same to James Hill for use of Dan. P. Custis for £67.17.0 for wood, &c., furnished the army.

Same to Gibson Cluverius for £41.9.3 for the pay, &c., of himself and company, a guard of militia on duty in Glo'ster county.

Same to John Camp for \$23.14.5 for Ditto.

Colo. Fleming is empowered to write to Captain Woodson to purchase a waggon and Team in Goochland county, and to be employed on the Eastern Shore for the use of the public, and that he also write to Capt. Woodson to purchase any musquetts or other good Guns for ye use of his company.

A warrant to John Howe for £1.5.0 for his Provision as a soldier in Capt. Campbell's company of regulars prior to 1st Nov'r.

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Same to Samuel Newell for £2.2.3 for Ditto Ditto.

Ord., that Colo. Aylett deliver John Burnes the Swan Skin in the public store to be made up into Waistcoats for the army.

Ord., that Robert Pollard deliver John Burnes 450 y'ds Oznaburgs, to be made up into Hunting shirts for the army.

Ord., a warrant to George Purdie for 24s. for thread furnished for the use of the public.

Same to Nath'l Keeling for £4.13.4 for wages on board the Sloop Swallow, and for Andrew Baxter for £2.4.0 for Do.

Same to Capt. George Burwell for £59.8.0 for 297 bushels of salt furnished ye public.

An account of the Salt landed from the Sloop Swallow belonging to Hector McAlester being returned, it appears that 2136½ bushels of — were the property of the said owner, and after deducting £6.17.4 for wages paid to Keeling and Baxter, there remains due to the s'd Hector McAlester £420.8.8 which together with the said vessel are detained till he can satisfy the Comm'ee respecting his conduct.

A warrant to the Hon. Thomas Nelson Esquire for £28.19.2 for lead.

On the Petition of Colo. Alexander Gordon, he is admitted to visit his family for one month upon his parole not to correspond with Lord Dunmore or any of the officers of the army or navy, or others on board the ships or vessels lying in the Harbour of Norfolk.

A warrant to Timothy Lester for forty shillings for a Gun delivered to Col. Christian for the use of the Army.

An order given to Colo. Christian for the removal of Colo. Jacob Elligood to Page warehouse in Hanover County, there to remain within ye limits of the Town, on his parole not to go out of the same or to hold any Correspondence on Political subjects, to be conveyed in a chair with two men as a Guard on horseback, and to be del'd to Colo. Syme or the commanding officer of the militia, who may if he thinks proper remove him to New Castle on his like parole.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

SATURDAY, *March 2d, 1776.*

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burg,
March 2,
1776

Present: The same members as yesterday, (except Mr. Page).

A warrant to William Wilson for use George Turner for 30s. for a Gun furnished ye public. Min'e service.

Same to Wm. Hornsby for 7s. for work done by his negro man Emanuel.

Ord., a warrant to Blovet Pasteur for £10.18.0 for the maintainance of

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Jacob Elligood, a prisoner to be changed to the said Elligood and repaid out of his Estate.

The case of Mr. Arch'd Ritchie being submitted to ye consideration of this board, by the Committee of Essex County; this Committee cannot but consider what Mr. Ritchie has done as a breach of the association, but as from the small value of the article, it is more probable that Mr. Ritchie was induced by the necessity of the case, and not by any inclination to injure the American cause, it is recommended to ye Comm'ee of Essex to pass over the s'd importation, admonishing Mr. Ritchie however not to act in future, under the influence of ye like necessity, without the previous consent of the Comm'ee.

A Certificate of Judges also of Militia officers in Essex County, returned and ord. to be registered. (Judges Com'o. iss'd).

Ordered a warrant to Sampson and George Matthews for £101.9.0 for arms purchased for the public, and necessaries, (omitted Nov'r 7th, last).

A permit to James McMurray and Alex. Banks to leave the Colony.

Same to Peter Sheriff.

The Committee of Essex District being divided in opinion in regard to the choice of a second Lieu't to the company of regulars for that district, between Griffin Fauntleroy and Charles Reade, referred the same to the determination of this Committee, whereupon this Comm'ee determine the appointment in favour of Mr. Griffin Fauntleroy.

Ord., a warrant to Landis Patterson for use Capt. Thomas Patterson for £400 upon account for the purchase of Guns and necessaries for his company of riflemen.

A pass to Mrs. Thomas Russel of Maryland to go Suffolk and back.

Ord., a warrant to Colo. Christian for £20.0.0 upon account to answer contingent charges.

A pass granted John McGeorge to go to Portsmouth and back, also on board the ships there to transact some business with John Johnson and John Mitchell, provided Colo. Howe sees no objection thereto, and furnishes him with a flag of truce for that purpose.

A warrant to Landis Patterson for £6.0.0 for Express hire.

Same to Simon Laughlin for 18s. for prov'o furnished a guard to Walter Hatton.

A Pre written to Capt. Thomas Patterson of Buck'm to purchase Guns and necessaries for the use of his Company and to stay a week after the messenger returns, in order to furnish them, to have provisions out of the minute Battalion stock and if necessary to hire 2 waggons to bring down the baggage, &c.

A permit to Emanuel Walker and Robert Somerville to depart the Colony.

Same to Arch'd Middlemist and his negro boy to go to Portsmouth under the like restriction with John McGeorge.

Ordered, that Captain Goosley do return in the Brig Liberty to Cumberland Town and there remain until further orders.

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Same order to Capt. Howe in the Schooner Sally.

Ordered, a warrant to Bembridge Godwin for £169. 4s. 8d. for sundry accounts settled and allowed by the commissioners.

A certificate of Judges in Charlotte county ret'd and ord. com'o issue.

Ordered, that one Ton of the powder to be sent from Philadelphia to Freder'g be forwarded to this place and Colo. Feilding Lewis is desired to procure proper waggons and an escort for the removal of it, the other Ton is ord'd to remain there 'til further orders.

For reasons appearing to this committee, the following change is made in the arrangement of the companies formerly allotted into regiments, viz't: the Pittsylvania company is allotted to the 3d regiment in lieu of the Loudo'n company, which is hereby allotted to the 6th regiment; letters written to the comm'ees of ye s'd countys accord'g.

A warrant to Peter Royster for £22.13.8 for his pay and Expenses as a militia Captain, &c., on duty in Chas. City.

Thomas Fleming, Esq'r, Colonel of the 9th regiment, appeared and qualified to his commission, which was delivered to him dated as of this day.

A Pass to Robert Cowan, Robert Proudfoot, Nathaniel Williamson, William Rutherford, John Smith, John Cunningham, and William Cal-land, to depart the Colony.

Commissions issued to the Judges of Sussex and Nansemond counties, p'r cert'es.

Adjourned til' Monday, 10 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

MONDAY, 4th March, 1776.

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Page, Mr. Bland, Mr. Lee, Mr. Jones, Mr. Walker.

A certificate of Militia officers in Mecklenburg county, ret'd and ord. to be registered.

A certificate of the Review of Capt. Chas. Flenning's company, Cumberland county, returned and ordered to be Registered.

A warrant to Mr. Richard Bland, junior, for £500 upon account as Paymaster of the Southampton District.

A commission issued to the Judges of Northumberland county, also of Norfolk county, p'r cert'e.

A warrant to Capt. Charles Fleming for £27.16.3 for Guns purchased by Mr. Wm. Moseley, and £14.10.0 for Guns purchased by himself.

A certificate of Regular and Militia officers, also of the review of the

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Regular company in Northumberland county, returned and ordered to be registered. See Apr. 6.

Captain Charles Fleming of Cumberland, has leave to suspend the march of his company one week after his return, to enable him to furnish them with arms and necessaries.

A warrant to Capt. Charles Fleming, 7th Reg't for £99.19.0 for the pay of his company from the time of their enlistment to ye 1st March.

Present, Mr. Carrington.

A warrant to Capt. Charles Fleming for £20.10.0 for his recruiting Expenses and Ballance of bounty money.

A warrant to Richard Bland, Esquire, for 24s. paid an Express from Philadel'a and 20s. paid to assist two deserters from the Roebuck on their journey.

A commission issued to the Judges of Lancaster county, p'r cert'e.

The companies of King William, Northumberland and Charles city being all reviewed the same day (26th Feb'y), the committee proceeded by ballot to determine the rank of precedence between them, when the same appeared as follows: Charles City, 1st, Northumberland, 2d, and King William, 3d.

Com'o issued to Capt. Gaskins (Northumberland) and his subalterns, dated 26th February, (delivered him.)

A warrant to Capt. Thos. Gaskins for £20.10.0 for his recruiting expences and ballance of Bounty money.

Same to same for £50 upon account of ye purchase of Arms (Bond ackn'd).

Same to Chas. Fleming for £50 for same, (Bond ackn'd).

Certificates of the review of Captains Towles and Stubblefield's companies of regulars in Spotsylvania county, ret'd and ord. to be Registered.

Com'o issued to Captain Fleming (Cumberland) and his subalterns, dated Feb'y 29th (del'd him), also to Capt. John Brent, (Charlotte), 24th Feb'y.

A warrant to Capt. Gregory Smith for £76.3.6 for arms purchas'd for public.

Certife of appointment and review, Captain John Brent, Charlotte, ret'n and o. R'd.

A warrant to Captain John Brent for £64.5.0 for ye purchase of arms and recruiting expences.

Same to Paul Carrington, Esq're, for use Charlotte county for £37.6.5 for ammunition and a Drum furnished the publick by that county for their militia.

Same to same for use Isaac Read for £121.1.6 for arms purchased for ye public.

Same to same for use Walter Cole for £5.7.6 for public Expenses of Halifax militia.

A certificate of ye appointment of Regular officers in Isle of Wight District, ret'd and o' R.

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A warrant to Wm. Davenport for £74.0.0 for ye recruiting service in the District of Isle of Wight and Surry.

Same to George Brown for £5 on acc't as a manufacturer of Gun-powder.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

TUESDAY, *March 5th, 1776.*

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Page, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Walker.

A warrant to James Slate for 20s. for making a sett of colours for the Mecklenburg Minute Batt.

Same to Joseph Eggleston for £4 for a Gun furnished the public.

Same to David Clark for £1 for prov's furnished Captain Dabney's company min. men.

Same to Mary Digges for £9.2.7½ for house rent and repairs furnished as Barracks for ye army.

Same to Geo. Stubblefield for £11.0.0 for arms furnished the public.

Same to Jno. Williams, Henry Pendleton for £3.0.0 for a Gun furnished do. min. Co.

Same to Charles McFaddin for £15.0 for provisions, &c., as a soldier in Capt. Campbell's company from the 18th September, to the 29th October.

A permit to Thomas Crawford and Charles Galbreath to depart the colony.

A warrant to Wm. Stokes for £5.0.0 for Gun furnished ye public.

Colo. Hugh Mercer and Lieutenant-Colonel George Weedon of the third Battalion, subscribed the articles of War, and took the oath prescribed by the Ordinance of Convention, after which their continental commissions were delivered them.

Ordered, that all the Field officers of the third Batalion be called into duty immediately and repair to their Station at Dumfries.

Colo. Mercer of the third Regiment informed the committee that the officers were inclined to elect the Rev'd Mr. David Griffith to the offices of Captain and Surgeon to ye said Regiment for both which they thought him very well qualified, and that his merit intitled him to such Indulgence, but did not care to unite the offices in the same person w'thout the approbation of this committee. On considering the subject the committee are of opinion that no Inconvenience will arise to the public from such union.

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Ordered, that Mr. — Stadler be recommended to our Delegates in Congress as an Engineer in case such a one shall be wanting.

Colo. Hugh Mercer is empowered to purchase Tents, Camp Kettles, Kanteens, Blank'ts and other necessaries which may be wanting in his regiment, the money for which will be paid on his certificates.

Ordered, that the Quarter-master General make up an account of Forage and Fuel expended for the Troops, and all other things within his department, and settle the same with Mr. Everard and Mr. Cocke, and return it to this committee.

Ordered a letter be written to Colo. Christian. to direct returns to be made of the several Troops now in this City, how they are armed and w'th what necessaries furnished, also what spare arms and accoutrements remain in the Magazine, and that he likewise directed to cause to be ret'd a state of the Houses and rooms occupied as Barracks, the size of each room, its number of soldiers, and the quantity of Fuel delivered for such room daily, also an account of the number of horses and waggons belonging to the public, and what rule is observed in receiving and delivering out the Forage by Rations.

A warrant to William Stokes for £7.12.6 for waggon hire and other public expenses.

The Committee of the District of Norfolk and Princess Anne, being divided in opinion upon the choice of a Captain to command the Company of regulars to be raised in that county, between Mr. Willis Wilson and Mr. Thomas Matthews, as appears by their certificate, this Comm'ee proceeded to determine the same in favor of Mr. Matthews.

The same between Mr. John Rogers and Mr. John Hunter Holt for the office of second Lieutenant, determined in favour of Mr. John Rogers.

The same between Mr. John Davies and Mr. Henry Whiting, for the office of Ensign determined in favour of Mr. Whiting.

A warrant to John Rogers for £74.0.0 for the recruiting service in Princess Anne and Norfolk district (upon account,) Bond ackn'd.

Same to Ensign John Coffey for £77.9.7 for the pay of Captain Mason's minute company.

A certificate of the appointment of regular officers in Chesterfield County, also of the review of Captain Faulkner's Company in the said County, ret'd and ord. to be registered.

A warrant to Capt. Ralph Faulkner for £92.10.0 for ye bounty money and recruiting Expenses of his company, also £10.10.0 for 3 musquets furnished the public.

Same to David Clarke for 24s. 6 for prov'o furnished Captain Dabney's minute company.

Same to Wm. Gordon for £3.0.0 for a Gun furnished the public Caroline min. Batt.

Ordered, that 10 Barrels of Pork out of the Stores at Cumberland, be delivered to the order of Captain John Calvert.

A warrant to Chro. Harwood for use Stephen Fields for £2.5.0 for cart and Horse hire to min. men.

Same to Henry Dudley for £2.4.6 for Ferri'ges, &c., to min. co.

Same to Chr'o Harwood for £19.13.6 for Provis's furnished Capt. Smith's company, minute.

Same to Mayner Dison for £3.0.0 for a Gun furnished the public.

A commission to the Judges of Pittsylvania issued p'r cert'e.

A certife of militia officers in Pittsylvania county returned and ordered to be Registered. (Com'o iss'd).

A Petition of David Ross presented and ordered to be deferred til' to-morrow.

A warrant to Colo. Hugh Mercer for use Commissioners' Gun manufactory at Fredericksburg for £300 upon account.

Same to same for use Fielding Lewis for £200 upon account for the purchase of arms.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, 6th March, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Bland, Mr. Lee, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Walker.

A warrant to Capt. James Baron for £117.12.0 for the pay of his company of militia for the month of November last.

Same to same for use William Ballard for £5.10.0 for Horse hire for the guard at Mile creek.

Same to Capt. James Baron for £113.13.4 for the pay of his company of militia from 1st to 28th January last.

Same to same for £5.11.6 for pay of himself and men on board the Liberty.

Same to same for use Capt. Richard Barron for £59.2.8 for the pay of himself and men on board the Boat Patriot to 25th February.

Same to same for £17.11.0 for Forage allowed him as a militia officer.

Same to same for use Rowe Cooper for £21.12.0 for wood furnished the Troops at Hampton.

Same to Richard Morris for use John Hawkins for £200 upon account as commissary of Provisions.

Same to James Ball for £46.12.0 for Provision furnished Capt. Falkner's company of regulars, and other necessities.

On hearing Mr. David Ross on the subject matter of his Petition, the committee are unanimously of opinion that the reasons by him offered to be discharged from his contract made to supply Mr. Hawkins with a quantity of Pork for the use of the army are totally insufficient, and that he ought to comply therewith or abide by the consequences.

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A warrant to John Taylor for £11.2.6, a Ballance due him as quartermaster to the second regiment.

John Taylor, quartermaster of the second regiment, returned his account of stores received and delivered for the use of the army, and made oath thereto, and y't ye same was just as far as he knew and believed, which is ordered to be registered. Memo.—Col. Woodford or the new quartermaster to be charg'd with £35.5.0.

A warrant to Colo. Hugh Mercer for £17.6.6 for sundry Instruments furnished for the use of the army.

Col. Hugh Mercer is desired and empowered to procure proper Boats to be built and kept for the Passage of the Troops at Ocoghuan, and that he also, in conjunction with Colo. Peachy, procure proper Beacons to be erected for communicating Intelligence from the mouth of Potowmac to Alexandria.

A Pass granted to John Levingston to go on board Lord Dunmore's ship, provided the commanding officer at Suffolk sees no objection to it and grants him a Flag of Truce for that purpose.

A warrant to Martin Hawkins for £43.12.7½ for sundry certificates for wood and other necessities furnished the Troops at Hampton.

It is the opinion of this committee that the Issuing of Rum to the Troops shall be wholly discontinued, it having been only allowed as an Indulgence during the sickly and Inclement season.

The committee of Elizabeth City county are desired to appoint proper persons to make sale of the Eleven Hogsheads of Run imported in the sloop Agathy, together with the Linen and other goods imported in the Brig Corlett, for ready money, and return an account of the sales to this committee and the money arising from such sale to the Treasurer of this Colony.

Ord'd, a warr't to John Richards for use of Daniel Payne, for £4.15.0 for four Rugs furnished Capt. Slaughter's compa. of regulars for Culpeper.

Ord., a warr't to John Richards for £50 upon acco't, part the money that will be due to him on a vessel for the country's service.

Ord'd that Mr. Addams furnish Capt. Richards with 4 barrels Pork for Cumberland.

A Certificate from Ro. C. Nicholas Esqr., Chairman of the District Comm'ee of York, that there had been two appointments for the meeting of a district Comm'ee to receive the review Certificates of the two Regular Companys raised therein, and that on neither of the days a suff't number of members met to make a Comm'ee, returning at the same time Certificates of the review of the s'd Companies by the persons appointed for that purpose, that Captain Thomas Nelson's Company was complete and reviewed on ye 22d, and Capt. Edward Dickinson's Company on the 25th of February, the same were received and Capt. Nelson and Capt. Dickinson subscribed the Articles of War, and took the Oaths prescribed by the Ordinance of Convention.

Ordered that Commanding officer be requested to discharge Capt. Duval's Company of minute men.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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EDM'D PENDLETON.

THURSDAY, 7th March, 1776.

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Present: The same members as yesterday.

A permit to Robert Cunningham and John Sinclair of Charlotte County, and Donald McNicoll of Halifax County to depart the Colony.

A warrant to H. B. Lightfoot for use David Leitch for £35, for a parcel Rugs furnished the regular company of Henrico county.

Same to Samuel Sparks, £5.10.0 for a Rifle Gun furnished the army.

Same to Colo. Champion Travis, £77.0.0 for arms furnished the public.

Same to Edm'd Pendleton, Esquire, for use Jno. Taylor, for £5 for a Gun for the army.

Same to Phripp & Bowdoin, for £132.5.0, for Gunpowder furnished ye army.

A certificate of the Review of Captain Samuel Hawes, jun'r, (Caroline) company of regulars on the 19th of February, returned and ordered to be registered.

A permit to Alex'r B. Strachan and James Currie, of Richmond, to leave the colony.

Same to Presvin Bowdoin to go to Princess Anne.

Same to George Watkins to go on board Lord Dunmore's ship, provided the commanding officer at Suffolk sees no objection thereto and grants him a flag of truce for that purpose.

A warrant to Wm. Hughes for use Thomas Johnston, of Louisa, for £175.0.0, on account, for the purchase of arms and necessaries for his company.

Ordered, that the Louisa company march to Dumfries, their place of rendezvous, and not to this city, as formerly directed.

Ord., a warr't to Rich'd Lee, Esq., for hire of negroes for Lancaster District Minute Men, £3.2.6.

Same to Capt. George Stubblefield for £31.17.6 for waggon hire for his and Capt. Towles' company; also £73.10.2, the ball'ce of his recruiting account.

Same to same, for use Jno. Pritchett, for 28s., for provisions furnished ye minute men of Battalion.

Same to same, for use Lewis Willis, for £5.5.0 for Fuel furnished ye Prince William Battalion.

Same to Capt. Samuel Hays for £15 on a certif'ce of his services as cl'k to ye Committee of Caroline county; also £20.10.0, ye ballance of his recruiting money and expenses.

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Same to Colo. Francis Peyton for £1,600, upon acc't as Paymaster of the Prince William Minute Battalion.

Capt. James Johnson and his subaltern officers appeared and received their Continental commissions, subscribed the Articles of War, and took the oath prescribed by ordinance of Convention.

A warrant to Capt. James Johnston for £92.13.10½ for the ballance of his recruiting money and expenses; also for arms, necessaries, and waggon hire for the use of his company.

A warr't to William Willis for £5.10.0 for Guns purchased by Major Epps for use of the army.

Same to John Dandridge, £6 for arms purchased by Colo. Christian.

Same to Capt. Oliver Towles, for £54.4.4½ for the ballance of his recruiting expenses and provision of his company.

Same to same, for use James Tutt, for 12s. 6d. for waggonage for Caroline Minute Battalion.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

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FRIDAY, 8th March, 1776.

Present: The same members as yesterday.

Commissions issued to the Judges of Henrico and Prince Edward counties, p'r cert'e.

A certificate of the Review of Henrico regulars, Capt. Pleasants, on ye 24th February, returned and ordered to be registered.

A warrant to Thomas Johnson for £5.8.0 for provision furnished Captain Fountain's regular company (Parke Goodall for use Thos. Johnson) prior to 1st Nov'r last.

Same to William Bibb, Esq're, for use Benjamin Lawson for £10 on a certificate of his services as cl'k to the comm'ee of Prince Edward.

Same to Col. William Peachy for £39.19.6 for use William Miskell for necessaries furnished Capt. Ball's company.

Same to Col. Wm. Peachy for £2.19.9 for necessaries to the minute Battalion of Lancaster district.

Same to Jaquelin Ambler, Esquire, for £21.15.0, or to David Jameson for his use for wood and Fodder furnished the army at York. (Mis-laid.)

A commission issued to the Judges of New Kent county p. cert'e.

A Bond from Thomas Ridley and Edwin Gray for £72 for recruiting service in Southampton county returned, ackn'd by the latter and or'd to be registered.

A warrant to Col. Wm. Peachy for use Capt. Burgess Ball for £300 upon acco't for the purchase of arms and necessaries (furnished) for Capt. Ball's company. Bond ackn'd.

Same to Edwin Gray for £25.0 for a Gun furnished Capt. Ridley's company. Williamsburg, March 8, 1776

Same to same for £54.8.6 upon account for the purchase of arms. Bond ackn'd.

Same to Nicho's Faulcon, Esq're, for £150 upon account for the purchase of arms for the regular company in Isle Wight District. Bond and sec. given.

Order on Major Wall for linen for Hunting Shirts for the Surry regulars, also for Sussex and Brunswick regulars.

A warrant to Mr. William Bibb for £408.10.0 for 63 rifles furnished the Prince Edward Company of regulars, also for 12 musquets stored for the public use.

Same to same for use John Morton for £20.10.0 for ballance of bounty money and recruiting Expenses in Prince Edw'd.

Same to Wm. Bibb for use John Watson for £1.13.0 for the Escort of slaves from W'msburg to the Lead Mines.

Same to Capt. Wm. Gregory for £20.10.0 for his recruiting expenses and ballance of Bounty money in Charles City County.

Same to Col. David Mason £52.6.6 for Guns formerly lent by sundry people to the minute men of Sussex, now on duty at Suffolk, and which are to be delivered to the regular Company from Sussex.

Same to same for £37.2.6 for same lent to Brunswick company as above, and to be disposed of in like manner.

Same to same for £7.17.6 for the ballance of his account for arms.

Same to same for £120 upon account for the purchase of arms in Sussex and Brunswick counties. Bond w'th security lodged and ackn'd—£165.

Present: Mr. Page.

A warrant to Wm. S. Sclater for £55.1.6 for the pay and provision of his company in duty at York.

Same to William Acrill, Esq're, for £28.17.0 for arms furnished the regular company from Charles City.

Same to William Hewit £20 for wood furnished the Troops at York.

Same to Thomas Walker, Esq're, for £3 for a Gun furnished Do.

Same to John S. Wills for £136.8.7½ for prov's, arms, &c., furnished the Isle Wight minute men.

Same for use Jno. Taylor for £1.0.9 for necessaries furnished different parties of the Virginia Troops from W'msburg to Norfolk.

Same for use Foushee & Orr for £2 for medicines and attendance for Capt. David's regulars.

Same for use John Thomas for £12.8.6 for prov's and necessaries furnished an escort of powder from Caroline.

Same for use Brewer Godwin for £11.15.7½ for provisions furnished the militia on guard in Isle Wight.

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Same for use Capt. Henry Pitt for £27.9.4 for pay of his company of militia on guard in I. Wight.

Same for use Capt. Willis Willis for £159.10.4½ for Ditto.

A commission issued to the Judges of Isle of Wight county, p'r cert.

A warrant to Thomas Wootten for £15.13.3 for express hire, &c., settled and all'd by ye Comm'rs.

Same to Miles Taylor for use John Barrett for £13.16.0 for Rugs furnished the pris'rs at Richmond.

Same for use same for £8.14.0 for Rugs furnished Capt. Anderson's company of Regulars (Hanover).

Same for use Nicholas B. Seabrook for £3.5.0 for a Gun furnished Hen'o Regulars.

Same for use Miles Gathright for £3.10.0 for Do.

Same for use Benja. Johnston for £6.0.0 for Do.

Same to John Pendleton, jr., for use Wm. Weatherly for 35s. for Do.

Same to Dixon and Hunter for £18.0.9 for sundries furnished for the use of the public, settled by the Comm'rs.

Order on the Commissary of Stores for a Bolt of Oznaburgs to be del'd Colo. Archibald Cary, and by him applied in the making of Cloaths for the Soldiers.

A warrant to Capt. Geo. Lyne for £19.4 for pay and provis'n of his minute company, on training duty in ye month of February; also £4.10.0 for recruiting 18 men, in lieu of that number who enlisted out of his company into the regular service.

Same to Thos. Wootten for use his son for 20s. for horses furnished ye Jas: river guard of militia.

Same to John Fitzgerald for £1.13.6 for public expenses.

The orders for the Henrico company to march here are countermanded and they are allowed a fortnight, when they are to march to Richmond Courthouse.

A warrant to Capt. Wm. Duval for £72.16.0 upon account.

Same to same for £115.19.6 for the pay of his company of minute men of the Henrico Battalion 'til Monday next.

Same to same for use Jno. Hodges, £4.17.6 for waggon hire.

Same to same for use Sam. Duval, jr., £4.17.6 for Do.

Same to same for use John Sharpe for £4.10.0 for Gun furnished the army.

Ordered that the commanding officer at this place direct the march of Capt. Gibson's rifle company, also of either Capt. Gregory's company, from Charles City, or Capt. Jas. Johnston's, from Lunenburg, as upon a review shall appear to be best fitted, to reinforce the troops stationed at Suffolk, as soon as possible.

Ord. that the commanding officer also direct the march of Capt. Towles' company to Hampton, and that upon their arrival there the officers and privates of the minute men now on duty there be discharg'd, first deliv-

ering up all the public arms in their possession, and that the commanding officer also retain ye medicine chest; who is also empowered to purchase all the good arms in ye hands of private persons as do not belong to the public and grant his certificate for the same, w^{ch} will be paid by this Comm^{ee}.

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Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, *March 9th, 1776.*

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Page, Mr. Carrington, Mr. T. L. Lee, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Walker.

A warrant to John Beckley for £4.3.4 for a certificate of his services as cl^k to the comm^{ee} of Henrico county.

Same to Thomas Chilton for £5 for a Gun sold Capt. Triplét's minute men.

Same to Matthew Tompson for £5 for Do.

Same to Henry Ayres for £0.12.0, his wages as a public armourer.

Same to Capt. Wm. Gregory for £76.8.9 for the provision of his company.

Same to Benjamin Waller for £5.0.0 for two Guns furnished the army.

On the Petition of Mary Collins and Maria Dickenson they are permitted to pass to Hampton, and from thence to Norfolk or Princess Anne, provided the commanding officer there sees no objection to it and furnishes a Flag of truce for that purpose.

A warrant to Richard Adams, Esq^{re}, for use Jno. Beckley for £20 on a certificate of his services as cl^k to the comm^{ee} of Henrico for the year 1775.

Same to Wm. Duval for £5 for a Gun furnished do.

Same to Thomas Foster for £2.1.3 for waggonage for Capt. Faulkner's regulars f^m Chest'd.

Same to Capt. John Cuningham for £175.4.7 for Seamen's wages and other Expences attending the Brig Fanny.

Same to Wm. Allen for £4 for wood furnished ye Troops at York. (Harwood Burt for use Wm. Allen.)

Same to Mary Tenham for £2.12.6 for straw furnished Do.

Same to Robert Hyland for £9.5.0, his wages as Door Keeper to this comm^{ee} to yesterday.

Same to Thomas Foster for £7.7.6 for waggonage to ye Troops on their way to Norfolk.

Same to Corbin Griffin, Esq^{re}, £30.2.6 for cash paid for sundry necessities furnished the Troops at York.

A permit to Wm. Fairlie to depart the Colony.

A comm^o issued to the Judges of Prince William county p^r cert^e.

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A warrant to Wm. Stevenson for £45.19.6 for Forage furnished ye Garrison at York.

Same to Thomas Archer for £5 for wood for Do.

Same to John Chisman for £25.0 for straw for Do.

Same to Philip Dedman for £20.6 for Fodder for Do.

Same to Jno. Geo. Gibbs for £16.0 for Do.

Same to Lau. Smith, jr., for £55.9.0 for Do.

Same to Stephen Mitchell for £6.11.0 for Do.

Same to William Ingo for £1.10.0 for Do.

Same to Janett Mitchell for £1.5.0 for cart hire for Do. min. service.

A memo. to charge Mr. Wm. Ronald for sundries del'd him from the stores at Cumberland by Mr. Adams, amo't to £87.2.6.

Instructions to Colo. Mercer as follows: Sir, &c. (vide copy filed).

A Letter written to our Delegates in Congress as follows: Gent., &c. (Do.)

A Letter written to the Council of Safety in Maryland as follows: Gent., &c. (Do.)

A warrant to Jno. Cuninghame for £55.5.0 for 2 Swivel Guns taken by Capt. Baron.

Ordered, that the guard at Cumberland be discharged from that duty, except two men, who are to serve as a Guard at nights.

A warrant to Colo. George Brooke for £200 upon account as Paymaster of the first regiment.

A permit is granted to Locky Collier to go on board Lord Dunmore's ship, provided ye commanding officer at Hampton sees no objection thereto and furnishes him with a flag of Truce for that purpose.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'clock.

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SUNDAY, the Xth March, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Page, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Jones, Mr. Walker.

Capt. Gregory and Lieutenants Dunn and Gregory and Ensign Bell, of the sixth Battalion, attended, received their comm's, took the oath prescribed by convention, and sub'd the Articles of War.

A Letter of Colonel Grayson, command'g officer of the Forces at Hampton, dated the 8th, considered. Resolved, that this committee approve of the answer given to Capt. Hammond's verbal message. The sentiment of convention expressed in their Resolution of the 29th Dec. on a similar message from Capt. Bellen to the Com'g officer at Norfolk, the committee would not think themselves at liberty to depart from if they did not approve them, w'ch is not the case. That friendly intercourse of affection and hospitality w'ch in times of Tranquility this

colony hath been accustomed to interchange with the off's and seamen of the British navy cannot be continued at this time when we have every reason to be convinced their errand here is of a nature far from being friendly, w'ch makes it our indispensable duty to avoid by all means in our power their coming on those upon any occasion, or being furnished with any necessaries w'ch may enable them to injure us.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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MONDAY 11th March, 1776.

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Page, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Walker.

A certificate of the Review of Prince Edward company of regulars, Captain Jno. Morton, returned and ordered to be registered. Comm'n issued.

A warrant to Major Lawson for £5.10.0 for a valuable gun furnished the public; del'd in Comm'ee.

Major Robert Lawson, of the 4th Battalion, appeared, subscribed the Articles of War, was sworn, and received his Continental commission.

A warrant to Mr. John Pendleton, junior, for use Doctor John Reade, for £9.9.3 for medicines and attendance on the troops at Norfolk.

A warr't to William Jones for £26.10.0 for waggonage to the Troops at Suffolk.

Commissions issued to the field officers, also to 40 captains and subalterns, of West Augusta.

A warrant to Thomas Cook for £37.9.11 for waggonage and provision for the Indian Treaty.

Same to Ephraim Crittenden for £0.10.0 for a Gun barrel furnished the public.

Mr. George Rootes produced the claims of sundry persons for necessaries furnished the Indian Treaty in the summer of 1775, certified by the Committee of West Augusta, which, being adjusted, amounted in the whole to £565.1.2, and the Committee being informed by one of their members that some of the said claimants had drawn orders upon Mr. Rootes, the Committee are of opinion that circumstances, with his possession of the vouchers, sufficiently authorizes the payment of the money to Mr. Rootes for the use of the several claimants, and ordered a warrant issue accordingly.

A warrant to Thomas Cooke for use William Shannon for £3.6.8 for express hire.

Commissions issued and del'd Capt. Geo. Stubblefield ye 12th and Capt. Oliver Towles the 16th of February.

Ordered it be left to Mr. Thomas Archer to proceed to direct his vessel

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under the command of Capt. Howe to proceed on her voyage at such time as he may think most prudent, and that he be at liberty to purchase 6 good musquets or smooth bore guns for the use of the seamen on board, w^{ch} will be paid for on his certificate, and that he be furnished with 4 lbs. powder, and if necessary with 3 or 4 barrels of Pork.

A warrant to Benjamin Ramsay for £4.0.0 for a musquet.

Capt. Stubblefield, of Spotsylvania, and Capt. Thornton, of Culpeper, being reviewed the same day, this Committee determine the rank of precedence between them as follows: Capt. Stubblefield 1st, Capt. Thornton 2nd.

A warrant to Henry Davis for £6.15.0 for express hire relative to ye 5th regiment.

A letter written to Colo. John Talbot, of Bedford, informing that this Committee cannot advance any money for the regulars from that county, who must wait 'til the Continental Paymaster comes down, w^{ch} will be shortly, but have paid ye express, approve of his purchasing musquets, and direct the march of the regulars immediately as they may be supplied with rifles here.

On the petition of William Shannon, Captain Gibson and his officers are to attend to-morrow morning in order to settle a dispute about the office of a Lieut. in s^d Comp'y.

[A certificate of militia officers in Northampton county returned and ordered that commissions issue. Error.]

It appearing from certif's returned that Captain Morton, Prince Edward, and Capt. Haines, Caroline, were reviewed the same day, the rank of precedence is determined by ballot: for Capt. Morton 1st, Capt. Haines 2d.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, 12th of March, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Page, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones and Mr. Walker.

Commission issued to the Judges of Amherst County p^r Cert^e.

A warrant to Charles Rose for £10 for his services as cl^k to Amherst Committee.

Richard Bland, jun^r, Esquire, Paymaster of the Southampton Battallion of minute men returned his accounts. A Ballance due the public £8.16.7. the same is ordered to be rec^d.

A warrant to Andrew McClure for £1.20.0 for a rifle Gun furnished the public.

Same to James Burruss Mitchum for £5.0.0 for D^o found by him and bursted in ye service.

Same to Wm. Cabell, Esq'r for use of John Morrison for £4 for a rifle Gun furnished ye public, (Capt. Fontane).

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Same to Same for use of Jno. Barnett for £4 Ditto, (Capt. Fontane's Company).

Ordered that Capt. Campbell's Company march from this place to Hampton to reinforce the Troops now there.

A permit is granted Robert Sommerville to depart the Colony.

A warrant to Robert Sommerville for £0.13s.0d. for Ferriages.

Order upon Col. Fielding Lewis to Thomas Cooke for 200lbs. Powder for the use of West Augusta.

A warrant to John Patterson for £9.8.1½, for Camp Kettles furnished Capt. Johnson's Company of Regulars from Lunenburg County.

A warrant to John Louder for £12.0.0 for the carriage of a Ton of Lead to the Committee of Fincastle from Chiswillis mines.

A certificate of the appointment of regular officers in Essex and Middlesex districts, also of the review of that Company on ye 5th March, ret'd and ord. to be registered.

Mr. George Mater and Lieut. Denny, are appointed to examine the several Ship Materials offered for sale by Major Travis at Jamestown, and report to the Comm'ee whether they are good of the kind and in their opinion worth the money he asks for them.

The same Gentlemen appointed to view the Cannon furnished the County by Mr. Govan at New Kent Court House, and report to the Committee which of them are fit for use and the value thereof and their size.

A warrant to Wm. Russell for £21 as clk to the Committee of York County.

Ord., that the commanding officer of the Forces on the Eastern Shore, be authorized to purchase or procure to be built, such and so many Boats for the passage of the Troops across the Rivers and Creeks on that Shore, as he may judge necessary and essential, to the purposes of forming Junctions of Detachments from his Battalion occasionally for defence or annoying the Enemy.

A warrant to Francis Bright for use Wm. Ronald for £2,000 upon account as Paymaster of the Troops on the Eastern Shore.

Ord., that the Commanding Officer be desired to direct the march of Capt. Gregory Smith's Company of regulars to Gloucester Town and that upon his arrival there Capt. Wm. Smith's Company of minute men be dismissed from duty til' further orders. Also to direct the march of Capt. Stevenson's Company to Suffolk.

A warrant to Goodrich Wilson for £58.7.8½ for ye pay and provision of a Guard at Warwick Squeake Bay in Isle of Wight County.

Same to Robert Cary for £2.10.0 for a Gun furnished the public. No voucher.

A Letter written to Wm. Ronald, as follows: Sir, &c., (copy filed).

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John Begg, a prisoner, upon his Petition is discharged from confinement upon giving his Parole to the Commanding officer, nor to give assistance or Intelligence to the Enemies of America.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, 13th March, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Page, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Walker.

A warrant to Allen Jones for £4.10.6 for sundries, the militia Guard at Skifs Creek.

Same to John Webb for £110.3.5 for provisions furnished his company of Regulars.

Same to James Johnson for £42.5.5½ for Do. furnished his Company.

Same to Martin Hawkins for use of Thos. Woolten for £3 for wood furnished the Troops at Hampton.

Same to Samuel Rowland for £7 for Ditto.

Same to Same for use John Cowling for £7.15.0 for Do.

Capt. Samuel Hopkins, Lts. Obia Clay, and Hutchins Burton and Ensign Wm. Dawson of the Mecklenburg regular company, subscribed the Articles of War, were swo' and received their commissions.

A certificate of the appointment of regular officers, also of the review of the Mecklenburg company on ye 26th of February, ret'd and ord. to be r'd.

It appearing from cert's ret'd that the Mecklenburg Company, Capt. Hopkins, was reviewed the same day with the Charles City, Northumberland and King Wm. companies, the rank of precedence to the Mecklenburg is determined to take place of King Wm., and be after the other two (determined by ballot).

A commission issued to the Judges of Hanover County and Cert.

A warrant to R'd Clough Anderson for £20.10 for the recruiting money and balance of bounty money; also £9.5.0 for provisions for his company on their march.

Rich'd Clough Anderson, Captain, John Anderson and Wm. Bentley, Lieutenants, and Robert Tompkins, Ensign, to a company of regulars in Hanover county, received their continental commissions. Oath adm'd and articles signed before ye County Comm'ee.

A warrant to Capt. Samuel Hopkins for £76.4.6, balance of recruiting money, and for necessaries furnished his company of regulars.

Same to Laughlin for use Lacklan Campbell for £3.15.0 for four Ruggs furnished Captain Wm. Washington's Company.

Same to Humphrey Harwood for £161.6.9 for building Barracks, &c., for the Army.

Same to Capt. Wm. Fontain for 20s., the expense of advertising and recovering a stolen rifle gun.

Same to Nathaniel Burwell, Esq'r, for £273.0.0 for wood furnished the army.

A warrant to Capt. Gregory Smith for £4.3.9 for blankets furnished ye Company.

Same to Same for use of Reuben Herndon for £7.5.6 for Oznabrigs to make hunting shirts furnished said Company.

Commissions issued and delivered Capt. Gregory Smith and his subaltern officers of the 7th Regiment, dated 7th of Feb'y. Do. to Capt. Webb and officers, dated 5th of March.

A warrant to Capt. John Stevenson for £254.1.6 for recruiting expenses, provisions, Blanket, hunting Shirt, and other necessities for his company.

Same to Richard Simpson, jnr., for use Richard Simpson, Sen'r, for 18.2.8 for victualing the Mecklenburg Company, and necessities furnished them.

A certificate of the review of the regular Company in Southampton County returned (11th Inst.) and ord. to be registered.

Do. of the Hanover Regulars on ye 7th Inst., ret'd and or'd.

A warrant to Leonard Cooper for use P'r Mulenburg, Esq'r, for £457.4.0 on account for hunting Shirts and leggins and one month's pay of two Companies of regulars in Dunmore County.

Comm's issued and delivered Capt. Stevenson W. Augusta and his subaltern officers, dated 13 Decem'r, also to Capt. Ridley (Southampton) and his Subaltern officers, dated 11th March.

A permit granted Silas Hewell, George Briscow, Wm. Sellers, John Wilson, Wm. Cross, and Wm. Truebody to go to Cambridge, in Massachusetts Bay.

A warrant to Joseph Farrow for £22.10.0 for waggon hire to the Troops at Hampton.

Same to Thos. Ridley for £20.10.0 the balance of his recruiting amount for the Southampton regulars.

Same to same for use Ben. Blunt for 50s. for gun at Taylor's min. Co.

Same to Silas Hewell, Geo. Briscow, Wm. Sellers, John Wilson, Wm. Cross, and Wm. Truebody, for £12.0.0 to support them to Cambridge.

Adjourned to to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

THURSDAY, 14th March, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Page, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, and Mr. Jones.

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A warrant to Robert Nicolson for use Alex'r Banks for £2.3.2 for Gun locks furnished the public.

Colo. Cabell produced receipts from the several chairmans of Cumberland and Buckingham Committees for the sum of £72 each by him carried for the recruiting service in those counties, and having paid the sum of £74 for the bounty money to the regulars in Amherst—Ordered, a warrant issue to him for 40s. due over and above the money formerly received.

A warrant to Lieut. Wm. Rowsay for £30.9.11 for the pay of Williamsburg minute men to the 1st March.

Col. Carrington produced to the comm'ee satisfaction that he had delivered to the several chairmans of Charlotte, Halifax, Prince Edward, and Mecklenburg for the sum of £72 each by him carried up and del'd for the recruiting service in each County.

It appearing that Col. Robert Munford had received the recruiting money for the regular Company in Mecklenburg twice thro' mistake, has to be made Debtor £72 to the public.

A warrant to John Glenn for £0.15.0 for the carriage of arms from N. Kent to this place.

Same to David Wade for £3.0.0 for waggon hire to Capt. Anderson's Company.

A permit to Joseph Williamson to depart the Colony.

A warrant to Edward Warren for 17s.1d, for Fodder, &c., furnished the wagon horses with Capt. Stephenson's Company.

Same to same for £2.9.3 for necessaries furnished several minute companies from Prince W'm District.

Same to Beverly Winslow for £34.11.7½ for waggonage to the Troops at Williamsburg.

Same to Joseph Akin for use of Robert Williams for £300 upon account, for the purchase of arms for use Pittsylvania Regulars. Bond with security lodged.

A certificate of the appointment of Military Officers in Westmoreland County; also of the review of s'd company on 9th Instant, ret'd and ord'd to be reg'd.

A warrant to Waffendale Kendal for use Capt. Richard Bernard for £74 for recruiting service in Westmoreland County; also £18.10.0 for Expenses therein.

Same to same for £150 upon acc't for the purchase of arms.

Same to Capt. John Stephenson, 8th Reg't, for £164.2.4 for pay his Company for ye month of February last.

Same to same for £48.5.7½ for Rations for himself and officers.

Same to Capt. Samuel Hawes for £301.14.5 for arms, provisions, Hunting Shirts, Blankets, and other necessaries for his Company.

Same to Stephen Mitchell for £12.11.6 for his pay as a quartermaster.

&c., to the minute Troops at York; also for sundry necessities furnished them.

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Same to Charles Harrison for \$2.15.0 for a Tent as a Cadet.

Richard Taylor, of Caroline, is appointed Captain of the armed vessel fitted out by Col. Fielding Lewis, and he is to recommend to the Comm'ee as soon as possible, proper persons to be first and second mates, a Boatswain, two midshipmen, 2 Gunners, and that he endeavour to enlist 14 able-bodied seamen to serve on board the said vessel.

Mr. Thomas Hamilton is elected a Lieutenant of Marines in the Potomac River department, his rank to be hereafter settled, and that he be desired to enlist any able-bodied seamen on board the vessel for that department.

Mr. George Mutor is elected master of a Rowe Galley to be built on James River under the direction of Col. Cary, and is to recommend proper persons to be mate, 2 midshipmen, 1 Gunner, and to enlist 40 seamen.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock.

ED'MD PENDLETON.

FRIDAY, 15th March, 1776.

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Lee, Mr. Digges, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Jones.

Ord'd, a warrant to Win. Keen for £3 for straw furnished 1st and 2nd Regiments.

Warrant to Mr. Paul Thilman for £73.7.10 for arms and provisions furnished the Hano. Company new recruits.

Warrant to George Underwood for £5.15.1½ for his services as clerk to Comm'ee Goochland.

Warrant to Thomas Underwood for use of Sherwood Parrish for a gun furnished the regular company from Goochland, 55s.

The Committee allow cuffs and capes to be added to the hunting shirts of the regulars at the expense of the country.

A commission issued to the Judges of Richmond county p'r cert's.

Present: Mr. Page.

Thomas M. Randolph and Thos. Underwood, Gent., appeared before the Committee and mutually desired their opinion whether the Comm'ee of Goochland county had authority and might with propriety proceed to enquire into the several articles of charge ag't Mr. Randolph mentioned in a summons to Mr. Underwood to appear in Comm'ee the 8th Instant.

This Comm'ee are of opinion they have no power to interfere in the matter, which must be determined by the County Comm'ee according to their own judgments; but if it will give any satisfaction to them or ye

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parties, this Comm'ee declare their opinion to be, that Comm'ee should not take cognizance of slanders of private nature which one man may publish of another, but these should be left to the ordinary course of justice. That, however, if any man is charged with what is a breach of the association, or prove him to have principles inimical to the rights of America, in that case the Comm'ee of the county should enquire into it, and if they find it to come within the description of offences contained in the late ordinance, should refer it to the Court of their members for regular trial; if not, to publish the conviction or acquittal of the party according to the rules prescribed by the Association. The charge ag't Mr. Randolph of being "a dangerous man" we think should be inquired into, and if it was explained by conversation at the time, to respect his political principles or parties regarding the present dispute, it will fall within the jurisdiction of the Comm'ee; as we are also of opinion the charge does of his engrossing Salt more than is necessary for his family, to the injury of his poor neighbors. It is therefore recommended to the Comm'ee of Goochland to appoint a day for inquiring into the conduct of Mr. Randolph as to these two charges, and give Mr. Underwood notice to be prepared to make good his allegation.

A warrant to Capt. Nathan Cocke for use Isaac Reade, Esq., for £58.14.10 for rifles furnished the Charlotte regulars.

Same for use of Wm. Morton for £16.10.0 for eleven Drums furnished the Militia of Charlotte.

Same to John Draper for £1.0.0 for a Gun.

Same to Nathaniel Cocke for £20.10.0, the balance of bounty money and recruiting expense.

Same to Josiah Massenburg for use Wilson Langley for £3.9.0 for wood for army.

Same to Lt. Wm. Taylor for use Capt. Jo. Spencer for £74 for the recruiting service in Orange county.

On considering the application of General Howe, he is empowered and desired to direct such surveys, to be made of the ground in the neighborhood of the several posts between York and James Rivers, intended to be occupied by the Troops, as he shall judge necessary for the good of the service, the expense of which will be paid by the Comm'ee.

Andrew Martin a prisoner, upon his Petition, is discharged from confinement, upon his parole to the Commanding Officer not to give Assistance or Intelligence to the enemies of America.

A certificate of minute and militia officers, rec'd and o. reg'd.

D'o of the appointment of regular officers in Halifax County, rec't and o. R.; also of the review of s'd Company on the 7th Instant, and of the Gloucester Company rec'd and o. R'd, (7th Instant).

It appearing from Certificates ret'd, that the regular Companies in Halifax, Hanover and Gloucester were reviewed the same day, to-wit: The 7th

Instant. the rank of precedence is determined by Lot, for Gloster 1, Hanover 2d, Halifax 3rd.

It appearing to the Comm'ee that the Albemarle Company of regulars Riflemen, were formerly allotted to the (9th) Eastern Shore regiment, but thro. some mistake hath since been allotted to the 7th regiment. It is ordered that the said company stand as formerly directed in the Eastern Shore regiment, and that the Halifax Company, which was also allotted to ye said Eastern Shore regiment, be now fixed to the 7th regiment stationed at Gloster Courthouse.

Commissions issued and del'd to Capt. Cocke, (Halifax) of the 7th regiment, dated 7th March; to Capt. Leitch, (Prince Wm.) 3rd regiment, dated 5th February; to Capt Fitzgerald, (Fairfax) 3rd — dated 6th February; also to Capt Wallace, (King George) 3rd regiment, dated 23rd February.

Ordered that it be left to the discretion of Mr. Wm. Reynolds, to direct his vessel under the command of Capt. Goosley, to proceed on her voyage at such time as he may think most prudent.

On consideration of a pet'o. from the inhabitants of Chas. parish, York County, the Commanding Officer of the Militia is empowered to appoint a guard, not exceeding ten men of such of the Militia as shall be willing to serve without pay, and relieve them from time to time, in Fish Neck, and that during the time they are engaged in that duty, they be exempted from other service in ye militia, and that they be furnished out of ye Magazine w'th 10lbs. Powder, to be carefully used on that occasion.

On the petition of Alex'r Gordon, a prisoner, he is allowed his parole for one month after the expiration of his former parole.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

SATURDAY, 16th March, 1776.

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Page, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Cabell.

Ordered that a warrant to John McMillon for £34.10.0 for waggon hire.

Major Spotswood appeared and received his commission.

Wm. Green is appointed Master of one of the Row Gallies to be employed in the Rappahannock River.

Mr. Benjamin Harrison, jun'r, presented to the Committee a license granted him by the Comm'ee of Secrecy appointed by Congress, which is ordered to be entered, and is as follows:

“PHILADELPHIA, Committee Chamber, Feb'y 13th, 1776.

“Agreeable to a resolution of the Continental Congress, we, the subscribers, by them appointed as a Comm'ee of Secrecy, do hereby author-

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ize and impower Benjamin Harrison, of Virginia, Esquire, to load the Brigantine Fanny, Capt. ——— Master, with the produce of that colony and to export the same.

SAM. WARD,
THOMAS McKEAN,
JOHN ALSOP,
JOSIAH BARTLETT,
ROBT. MORRIS,
JOSEPH HEMAS,
FRANCIS LEWIS."

"To the Comm'ee of Safety or Comm'ee of Inspection and Observation of the Colony of Virginia."

"I do hereby certify that the subscribers to the above order are a quorum of the Commit'te of Secrecy appointed by Congress, and have full power and authority to issue the above order by them subscribed.

"JOHN HANCOCK, P."

Whereupon the Captain of the said Vessel is permitted to enter and clear out the said vessel, loaded with Tobacco and Lumber for any port in Great Britain, and the charter party between Jo. Hemas, Esq're, and Capt. Tokeley, master of s'd vessel, being read to the s'd Tokeley, he was sworn and entered into bond fully and faithfully to comply with the conditions expressed in the said charter party.

A warrant to Capt. Edw'd Dickenson for £44.3.8 for sundry Cartooch Boxes, &c., furnished the public.

By mutual consent between Mr. Wm. Reynolds and this Comm'ee his share of the adventure on board the vessel at present under the command of Captain Goosley is reduced to one-eighth.

A letter written to the Council of Safety at Edenton, as follows: Gen'l & (copy).

Ordered that Mr. Adams deliver to the order of Mr. Benjamin Harrison, jun'r, 10 Barrels Pork out of the stores at Cumberland.

A warrant to Chesley Woodward for £26.0.0 for waggonage to ye Troops at Suffolk and Norfolk. Voucher mislaid.

Same to Philip Bullifant for £4.0.0 for Fodder furnished the army.

A warrant to John Richards for £20 on acc't in part of a vessel and cargo in which he is concerned with the public.

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Ordered that the whole adventure on board the Brigg Liberty be taken for the use and on account of the public. That Capt. Thomas Lilly

repair to Cumberland Town and take charge of the s'd Brigg and procure her cargo to be brought to the city of Williamsburg, either by unlading it into Flatts at Cumberland, to be sent to the Capitol landing, or by bringing the Brigg to the mouth of Queen's creek and engaging Flatts to bring her cargo up the creek from thence, as he shall judge most prudent and safe, the cargo to be delivered to the comm'y of prov's for the public use.

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Ordered that General Howe be made debtor for £40 for a horse sold him, which was purchased by Mr. Ennis.

Adjourned 'till Monday 9 o'clock.

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MONDAY, 18th March, 1776.

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Page, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, and Mr. Jones.

A certificate of the appointment of Regular officers in Berkeley County, also of the Review of said Company, ret'd and or. recorded.

Commissions issued and delivered to Capt. Beale (Berkeley), of the 4th regiment, dated 10th February; also to Capt. Pleasants (Henrico), of the 5th regiment, dated 24th February; to Capt. Woodson (Goochland), 9th regiment, dated 13 March.

It appearing from certificates ret'd that Capt. Brent's company, Charlotte, and Capt. Pleasant's company, Henrico, were reviewed on the 24 February, this comm'ee determined the rank of precedence by Lot for Charlotte 1, Henrico 2nd.

A warrant to Joseph Burnes for use Chas. M. Thurston, cl'k, for £1000 on account for the purchase of arms.

Same to Wm. Eggleston for use Capt. John Pleasants for £20.10.0. the balance of bounty money and recruiting expenses, and £25.16.0 for quartering soldiers at Wm. A. Lancaster's and provisions found them, also for carriage of Guns and Ruggs.

A certificate of appointment of Goochland regular officers, also of the review of said Company on 13th March, ret'd and o. reg'd.

A warrant to Wm. Eggleston for £5.7.6 for 43 days' pay as quartermaster Sergeant to the minute men formerly on duty at Williamsburg.

Same to Capt. Samuel Woodson for £20.10.0 for balance of bounty money and recruiting Expenses; also £80 for use Elijah Brumfield for waggon and team furnished for use of Goochland regulars.

It appearing from certificates ret'd that the Lancaster District Company, Capt. Ball and the Berkeley Company, Capt. Beall, were reviewed on the 10th day of February, the rank of precedence is determined by Lot for Lancaster District 1st., Berkeley 2nd.

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A warrant to Roger Oats for £24.0.0 for carriage of Lead from Fincastle.

Present: Richard Bland, Esq'r.

A Bond from Henry Fielding, commissary to 2nd and 7th regiments, and his securities, in £20,000, payable to the comm'ee and their successors, ret'd and o'd registered.

Present: Thomas Walker, Esquire.

A warrant to Richard Bland, Esquire, for £4 for 28lbs. Saltpetre purchased for use of the public.

A certificate of militia officers in Amelia County ret' and ord' Com's issued.

Ordered, that Col. Griffin deliver 18 Guns in hands belonging to the public to Capt. Thomas Massey for the use of his company.

A warrant to Frederick Bryan for £2.11.3 Ferriages to sundry min. men.

Commissions issued and delivered to Capt. Faulconer (Chesterfield) and his subalterns of the 5th regiment, dated 1st March.

A warrant to Capt. Rich'd C. Anderson for £28.12.6 for Blankets, one Gun and other necessities furnished his Company.

Same to Same for use of Rich'd Winn for £3 for 2 Guns furnished Capt. Anderson's Company.

Adjourned til' to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, *March 19th, 1776.*

Present: Mr. President, Mr. Page, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Lee, Mr. Bland, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Walker.

A warrant to Joseph Hawkins for use of John Hawkins for £200 upon account as commissary of provisions to the army.

Same to Wm. Ramey for £40, for waggon hire, and for use of George Allen for £46 for Do. to 18th Instant Inclusive.

A certificate of review of Sussex regular company, Capt. Mason, on 14th Instant, returned and ordered to be registered. Also of Prince George Company, Capt. Ruffin, 11th March.

Commission issued and deliv'd Capt. Mason and his subalterns (Sussex), 4th regiment, dated 14th March; do. to Capt. Ruffin and his subalterns (Prince George), 6th regiment, dated 11th March.

A warrant to Capt. Thomas Ruffin for £55.2.0, the balance of bounty, recruiting, waggonage, prov'ns and necessities for his company (6th regiment); also £30.10.0 for arms purchased for do.

It appearing from certificates returned, that Capt. Ruffin's company, Prince George, also Capt. Ridley's company, Southampton, were reviewed

the same day (11th Instant), the rank and precedence determined by lot: for Prince George 1, Southampton 2nd.

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A warrant to Capt. Nathaniel Mason for £20.10.0, the balance of bounty money and recruiting expenses.

Same to John Wesson for self and others, per accounts filed, for £2.16.6 for repairing arms for the Surry Company.

Same to Capt. Isaac Beall for £12.19.9, for use of Mabre Maden, for waggonage to his company from Berkeley, 4th regiment.

Same to same for £20.10.0 for bounty money and recruiting expenses.

Same to Capt. Holt Richardson for £70.4.10 for Blankets and Guns furnished his Company.

Same to same for £30.3.9 for his rations and Forage.

Same to same for use Lieut. Spiller for £1.17.6 for carriage of Blankets for his company.

Same to John Quarles for £58.4.0 for provisions, lodging, and necessaries to Capt. Richardson's Company.

Capt. Holt. Richardson and his subaltern officers appeared, submitted to the articles of war, were sworn, and rece'd their Colonial commissions.

A warrant to Capt. Geo. Stubblefield for £8.3.8 for necessaries furnished his Company.

Permits granted to James Marshall, James McCaskie, and Malcom Hart to depart the Colony. Same to Archibald Williams.

A warrant to Wm. Holladay for £37.2.0 for an ammunition wagon furnished ye army.

Colo. John Syme, chairman of Hanover Comm'ee, is desired to deliver Mr. Wm. Mitchell 75lbs. of the public Saltpetre in his hands, for which he is to be charged 3s. p'r lb., to be paid for in good Gunpowder at 6s. p'r lb.

It appearing from certificates ret'd that Capt. Slaughter's company, Culpeper, was received the same day with Capt. Morton's Company from Prince Edward and Capt. Hawe's Company from Caroline, the rank of precedence is determined for Capt. Slaughter to be 2nd, the other two formerly determined.

A warrant to Geo. Slaughter for £24.0.0 for arms purchased for his company.

Same to Rich'd Clausel for £3, for a Gun furnished Capt. Faulenor's company.

A certificate of review of Caroline District Company of Regulars of 2nd regiment, 29th Septem'r; 75 ret'd and ord. to be registered.

A warrant to Thomas Stubbs, £1.2.7. for Diett furnished to Walter Hatton. Also £1.4.0 to use John New.

A warrant to Capt. George Slaughter (Culpeper) for £100.13.0 for ye pay of his company.

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Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.—E. P.

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WEDNESDAY, 20th March, 1776.

Present: The same members for the preceding day.

A warrant to John Aspray for £10.2.3 for express hire.

Articles of agreement between James Anderson, Blacksmith, and the Committee on behalf of the public were signed and acknowledged by the said James Anderson and Edmund Pendleton, Esq're, President, and ordered to be recorded.

Ordered, that the Commanding Officer at Suffolk engage Dr. Colghoon to attend the sick on that post and its neighborhood, and that he receive Surgeon's pay during the absence of the Surgeon of the 2nd Regiment, or until another is appointed by the Colonel, and if he cannot engage him or some other good physician for the wages he is to engage one on the best terms he can.

A warrant to Levin Powell for £97.0.11 for sundries, £4 of which is for a Gun for Capt. West's Company of regulars, and £31.10 thereof for Hunting Shirts furnished Capt. Washington's Company, 3rd Regiment.

Major Levin Powell is empowered to purchase good musquets of the size formerly mentioned, as many as will be sufficient to arm the Prince Wm. Battalion of minute men, which are to be delivered to them; but in case the Committee of Safety, upon notice of their being procured, shall find them wanting for the regulars, they are to be delivered up for them; and also one thousand Cartooch boxes upon the best terms he can; that he acquaint the comm'ee wth his contracts for arms as soon as they are made and he will be furnished with the money to pay for the same, giving bond and security for the proper disbursement thereof.

Ordered, that the Commissary of Stores receive of Major Travis the several articles mentioned in a list delivered, which were offered for sale by Major Travis and valued by order of the Comm'ee, measuring and weighing such as are rated by weight or measure and giving him a receipt for the same, with the whole amount according to the prices set for each.

A warrant to Capt. Simon Triplett for £30.8.1, balance of his account for expenses, arms, &c., of his company minute men from Prince William District.

Same to Ferdinando O'Neal for £17.8.9 for waggonage to ye Troops in Williamsburg.

Same to Robert Combs for £10.4.9 for Do.

Same to Capt. Simon Triplett for £14.12.6 for support of his men to Loudon.

Same to Col. Charles Scott for £27.7.1½ for arms and sundry expenses; £22.1.9 for arms.

Same to Thomas Mason for £26.16.0 for his pay from Nov. 3rd to ye 15 Instant.

Same to Thomas Cole for £7.14.0 for Waggonage pay advanced.

Same to Rev. Mr. Blank for £5.2.0 for advanced pay for his negro waggoner. Williamsburg, March 20, 1776

Same to Francis Cunningham for £2.2.0 for his advanced pay as waggoner.

Same to William Hector for £2.5.0 for Ditto.

Same to William Smith for £5.4.4 for Ditto.

Same to William Davis for £2.12.0 for Ditto.

The Comm'ee agree to take of Mr. William Holt the Sloop Providence, packett, with her rigging and apparel for so long a time as shall be thought proper to employ her at 15s. per day, to be appraised, and if taken by the Enemy while in public service, the appraisement to be repaid. If Samuel Simms agrees to serve on board her as pilot, 2s. 6d. p'r day to be added for his services and for prov's found him.

Ordered, that Capt. Younghusband be directed to purchase 500 bushels of Coal from Warwick, and to put it on board one of his armed vessels with orders for her to come down as soon as possible to the College Landing with her officers and men.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

THURSDAY, 21st March, 1776.

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Present: The members of the preceding day.

Ordered, that Mr. Craig deliver to Colo. Henry Field, contractor of prov's for the 2d and 7th Regiments, 10,000 w't of Beef out of the public prov's in his hands, taking his receipt for the same, and rendering an account to the Comm'ee what it will be proper to charge Colo. Field for the same.

Ordered, that warrant issue to Col. Field for £500 upon account as Contractor of prov's to the 2d and 7th Regiments, and Ditto for £200, and 3 others for £100 each.

A letter was received from Col. William Grayson, informing the Comm'ee of his resignation of his appointment as Colonel of the minute Battalion of Prince W'm District. Whereupon a L'tre was wrote to the Comm'ee of s'd district informing them thereof in order that they may proceed to fill the vacancy.

A warrant to Thomas Winston for use Geddes Winston for £3.10.0 for a Gun furnished Capt. Anderson's Company from Hanover.

Gabriel Penn settled his account as paymaster of the Buckingham District. Balance due from him £105.8.1½, which is ordered to be placed to his Debit and applied to the future pay of the men in their training Duty.

A warrant to George Stubblefield for £11.16.10 for a Tent and sundry prov's of his Company; also for the pay of one soldier (5th Regiment).

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Major Parker, of the 5th Regiment, appeared and subscribed the articles of war, was sworne, and received his Commission.

A warrant to Capt. John Calver for £50 and 1 Do. for £50 upon account for the purchase of materials for the Row Gallys.

Ordered, that 100 w^t of Cannon Powder be deliv'd Capt. Calver to prove the Canon at York or Gloster Town such of them as upon view he shall think proper.

A warrant to Capt. Calver for £7 for a Gun and Drum for use Capt. Ballard's Company, 1st Regiment (£4 and ye Gun).

Same to Col. Theo. Bland for £174.14.6 for hire of a waggon and team. 3 horses killed (appraised at £115), collars, Bridles, &c.; also for a saddle £78, 3 Guns.

Same to same for use R'd Call for £15.15.3 for pay of the Guard at City Point—militia.

Same for use Richard Eppes for £15.17.3 for prov's, &c., to ye Guard at City Point.

Same for use Alexander Gwthrey for £2.8.0 for boat hire furnished Ditto.

Same for use Jno. Woodlitt, 19s. short p'd in his acc't. Guard at City Point; for the use of Wm. Wilkins for 14s. 8, error in his acc't, guard of the same place, and for the use of Joel Sturdivant £2.8.0 an error in his acc't, for guard at Hoods—also for use Chas. Avery for 9s. 4, a guard at City Point.

A certificate of Appointment and review of Brunswick Regulars, 4th Regiment. Cert. of review 19th March, ret'd and ordered to be regist'd. Comm's deliv'd Lieutenant Stith.

A warrant to L't Stith for £20.10.0 for balance of bounty money and recruit'g Exp's.

Ordered a warrant to John Page, Esq'r, for the use Mann Page, Esq'r, £19.0.6 for 113½ lbs. Salt Petre, and for firewood for army.

Adjourned til' to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, 22nd March, 1776.

Present: The members of the preceding day.

Ordered that Capt. Lilly be directed to send 200 Barrels of Flour of that unladed from the vessels at Cumberland, to be sent in the Flatts to York Town, where the Commissary is to see it well stored on the top of the hill, for the supply of the Troops at that place and Hampton.

A Pass to Wm. Penn to go thro. the s'd Colonies to West Florida.

D'o to Mr. Lawrence Proudfoot to go to Phil'a and from thence to Brit'n advertising.

D'o to Wm. Kennedy to depart the Colony.

Same to Samuel Brown and John Samuel.

A warrant to Edmund Pendleton, Esq'r, for use Benjamin Spiller £4.12.6, and for use Charles Jones £1.17.6, for their Forage to ye 22nd Dec'r last while on service as Ensigns at Hampton in min. Battallion.

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The review of Capt. Davis' Company on the 30th of September last, ret'd and or'd re'd.

It appearing from certificates returned that Capt. Towles Company from Spotsylvania, and Capt Johnson's from Lunenburg, were reviewed the same day, to-wit: The 16th February, the rank of precedence is determined by Lot for Capt. Johnson 1st, and Capt. Towles, 2nd.

A warrant to Maj'r Travis for £74.9.7½ for sundry ship materials furnished the public.

Ordered that the Commanding Officer of the Troops at Williamsburg, do direct the removal of the effects purchased of Maj. Travis, from Jamestown to Mr. Holt's Mill, in one of the vessels he was lately directed to employ, to be delivered there to the care of Capt. Calvert.

A warrant to Capt. Cathbert Harrison, for £24.9.10¾ for sundry necessities to his Company of minute men of the Prince Wm. Batt'n.

Ordered that the Comm'ee of Prince Wm. be wrote to, that the Comm'ee will take their powder and lead, and direct that they will deliver so much thereof to the order of Colo. George Mason and Mr. John Dalton, as they shall judge necessary for the naval department in Potomack, and the residue to Colo. Mercer for ye use of the 3rd Regiment.

Francis Peyton, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Prince Wm. Battation of minute men, appeared and settled his accounts. Balance due the public £389.5.0½, which is ordered to be placed to his Debit.

A warrant to Francis Peyton, Esq'r, for use of Thos. Lewis for £30 upon account for waggon hire.

Same for use John Ramsy for £6.5.0 for D'o, for use George Allen for £6.5.0 for D'o, for use Ferdinando Oneal for £1.5.0 short paid in waggon hire, and same Samuel Love £30.10.10½ for waggon hire.

Same to Edmund Cole for £4 for a Gun, and for use Julius Allen £2 for Ditto.

Same to Charles Tompkins for £1.10.0 for 1 Do., and for use John Chapel for £3 for 1 Do. to Capt. Anderson's Company from Hanover.

A permit to Henry B. Lightfoot for to leave the Colony.

A warrant to Benjamin Chism for £2.13.0 for a gun, gunlock, &c., furnished the public.

John Allison is appointed Captain, William Payne, jun'r, First Lieutenant, and James Moody, Second Lieutenant of Marines for the cruiser employed in Potomack River called the American Congress.

A warrant to Ensign Woodson for £5.17.0 for his pay as Adj't at Kemp's.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, 23rd March, 1776.

Present: The members of the preceding day.

A warrant to Capt. Fitzgerald for £12.4 by him advanced for additional pay to John Butler for extraordinary services in supervising and directing the fifes in the Prince Wm. Battallion.

Major Marshall, of the 3rd Battallion, appeared, subscribed the Articles of War, was sworn, and received his Continental commission.

Colin Campbell is permitted to leave the Colony.

A warrant to Mr. Ewington Knott for £49.1.4 for the pay of himself and company of minute men, stationed from Pigg Point to Sleepy hole.

Same for use of James Murdough for £7.11.0 for provisions, &c., for Do.

It appearing from certif's ret'd, that Capt. Massey's Company from New Kent, was received the same day with Capt. Ruffin, Prince George, and Capt. Ridley's, Southampton, the precedence of Capt. Massey's Company is determined to give place to Capt. Ruffin and take rank of Capt. Ridley.

The review of Capt. Massey's Company on ye 11th Instant ret. and or'd to be reg'd.

A warrant to Capt. Massey for £134.1.0, the balance of his recruiting acc't and for Guns, Blankets, and other necessities to his company of the 6th Regiment, £80.0.0.

Capt. Thomas Massey, N. Kent, John Hockaday, his 1st Lieut., and Wm. Armistead, Ensign, subscribed the Articles of War, were sworn, and rec'd their Continental Comm's, 6th Regiment.

A warrant to Charles Porter for £25.6 for prov's and necessities several Companies on their march to this Town prior to 1st Nov'r last.

Same to Major Eppes for £65 for waggon hire to this date.

Same to Wm. Tuttle for £3.10.0 for a Rifle Gun furnished the public.

Ordered, That Capt. Jos. Carrington's Company of minute men of the Amelia Battallion be excused from further service at Kemp's landing; that such of them as are in the regular service repair to the station of their Companies, and the residue retire to their respective homes till further orders.

A warrant to James Blaine for £27.10.0 for sundry Guns and a Blanket furnished Capt. Walker's Company, from Albemarle, of the 9th Regiment.

Ordered, that Capt. Mathews' Company of Regulars continue at Kemp's landing as their place of rendezvous 'til complete.

On consideration of the cases of Mr. Battall and Mr. Elligood, prisoners who were sent to New Castle, it is ordered that they be confined to the limits of said Town or Hanover Town. Col. Syme is desired to take their parole to comply with this order, and he is also empowered to open and examine all Letters going to or from them unless they are franked by some member of this Comm'ee.

Wm. Nelson, Esq're, Major of the 7th Battallion, appeared, subscribed the Articles of War, was sworn, and received his Colonial Com'n.

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A warrant to the Ex'ors of Alex'r Craig for £175.7.9 for sundry Cartouch Boxes, &c., furnished the army.

Same to James Ball and John Goode for £30.18.1½ for prov's and waggon hire to Capt. Fleming's Company of 7th Reg't; also 18s. for Do. to Capt. Faulconer's Company of the 5th Regiment; also for use of Wm. Branch for 18s. 9d. for waggon hire to Captain Fleming's Company.

Same to Wm. Claybrooke for £4.5.0 for 2 Guns furnished Capt. Anderson's Company from Hanover.

A letter written to the Virgin'a Delegates in Congress (vide copy filed).

A warrant to Wm. Claybrooke for £7.17.0. for services performed for the county in purchasing and driving Cattle.

Same to James Dillard for 13s. for prov's to Capt. Anderson's Company.

Ordered, that Mr. Richard Banks, Commissary of the Gloster Minute Battallion, deliver to Capt. Everard Meade 72 Cartooch boxes, 1 Drum, 1 Fife, and a suit of colors; also canteens and camp kettles sufficient for his company of the 2nd Regiment; also that Capt. Meade purchase any good guns for the use of his Company, which will be repaid for on his certificate.

Adjourned 'til Monday 9 o'clock.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

MONDAY 25th March, 1776.

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Present: Mr. President, Mr. Page, Mr. Digges, Mr. Carrington. Mr. Lee, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Bland, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Walker.

A warrant to Henry King for £9.2.6 for his pay as Militia Officer, &c.

Same to same for £71.8.6 for wood furnished by himself and others to the Troops at Hampton.

Mordecai Buckner, Esq're, Colo. of the 6th Battallion, and William Daingerfield, Esq're., colo. of the 7th Battallion, appeared in Committee, subscribed the Articles of War, were sworn, and Col. Buckner's com'n was delivered to him.

Mr. Alexander Nelson, of the city of Philadelphia, appeared in committee and contracted to furnish for the use of this Colony six hundred stand of arms, to consist each of a good musquet, 3 feet 8 inches in the barrel, ¾-inch bore, steel rammers, the upper thimble trumpet-mounted, the lower thimble with a spring to retain the ramrod, bridle-lock, brass-mounted; a Bayonet eighteen inches blade, with a scabbard; one pair bullet-moulds, to mould 16 bullets, to every 40 Guns; a priming-wire and brush to each musquet; the stand compleat, well fixed and properly proved, to be delivered at the Town of Fredericksburg in Virginia, to the care and approval of the Comm'rs of the Gun Manufactory there, on or

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before the 15th day of June next ensuing, at the price of Four pounds five shillings Virginia currency, per stand, the money for which will be paid in the city of Williamsburg upon the certificate of the Commissioners. Bond wth security entered into for performance of this contract; penalty, £1,000.

A warrant to Thomas Carter for £2.10.0 for a Gun.

Same to Jo. Jones, Esq^r, for use Alex^r Wodrow, £1.18.6 for use James Allen, 15s. for sundries for use Spotsylvania militia.

Same to same for use of Mrs. Frances Thornton for £1.19.0 for prov's to Captain Alexander's Company.

A Demand being made before the Comm^{ee} for the pay of a Drummer and Fifer for attending 2 Companies of the Spotsylvania Militia at private musters, the Comm^{ee} are of opinion that those officers are only Intitled to pay when the comp^y to which they belong are called into actual duty.

A warrant to Jo. Jones, Esq^r, for use Benj^m Burbridge for £2.10.0 for a Gun.

Same to Col. Edw^d Stevens for £4.4.0 for sundry Expenses as p^r acc^t. also for use of John Long for £7.10 for trouble and expense in removing home sick soldiers of the Culpeper minute Battallion.

A warrant for John Murdon for £15 for his extraordinary services as a guide and bringing Intelligence to the Troops at the Great Bridge.

Same to Major Marshall for £250 upon acc^t for the purchase of arms. Bond entered into and ackno^d.

Same to Wm. Willis for £5 upon acc^t as Gun smith, and £2.15.½ for his acc^t for repairs of Guns settled by the comm^rs.

Ordered, that the Commanding officers at Suffolk assist Wm. Willis with waggons to remove his Blacksmith Tools and Effects to Cobham.

A warrant to Thos. Cowles for £5.8.3 for Ferriages and provisions to sundry Companies on their way to this city.

Same to Capt. Jo. Spencer for £93.7.3 for arms and Blanketts as per acc^t.

Same to Capt. John Chilton for £64.10.0 for Ditto. as per acc^t.

Same to Edward Bacon for £2.3.3 for prov's furnished sundry persons as per acc^t and rec^t.

Same to Capt. Chilton for use Rich^d Rixey for £2.10.0 for waggonage to Capt. Chilton's company of minute men.

Same to Capt. Chilton for £92.10 for bounty money and recruiting Expenses of his Company from Fauquier 3rd Regiment.

Same to Colo. R^d Morris for use John Hawkins for £200 upon acc^t.

A comⁿ issued to the Judges of Spotsylvania, cert^e.

A cert^e of Militia Officers in Spotsylvania ret^d and ord. Comⁿs issued.

Do. of appoint. of officers and Review of Amherst Company of Regu-
lars ret^d and ordered to be registered—Review March 4th.

Do. of Review of Capt. Nicho's Cabell's minute company on 2nd February, ret'd and ord. to be registered.

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Ordered, that the Commanding Officer of the Culpeper minute Battalion deliver the Tents and Blankets stored belong. to s'd Battalion to the Regular Companies who may want and call for them, keeping a acc't thereof.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, *March 26th, 1776.*

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Present: The members of the preceding day.

Isaac Reade, Esq'r, Lt-Colonel of the 4th Regiment appeared, subscribed the articles of war, was sworn, and rec'd his Continental commission.

A warrant to Lt.-Col. Reade for £118.11.3 for arms for use of Capt. Brent's company, Charlotte, £5.18.6 for his expenses therein.

A permit to John Peterson and George Wright to depart the Colony.

A warrant to Isaac Read for use of Wm. Jameson, Cl'k to Charlotte Comm'ee, £10, and for use Joel Townes, Door Keeper to s'd Comm'ee, £5, on a cert'e of their services.

Same to Jasper Clayton for £25 on Certificate of his services as cl'k to Gloucester County Comm'ee.

Same to Joseph Lively for £13.12.6 for waggon hire to Capt. Cabell's Company, Amherst.

Same to John Stratton for £11.15.0 for Ditto.

Capt. Samuel Cabell, of Amherst, and his subaltern officers appeared, subscribed the articles of war, were sworn, and rec'd their Cont. Comm's, dated 4th March.

A warrant to Wm. Heaters for 13s. 4d. for waggon hire to minute Battal'n.

Same to Samuel Cabell for £52.17.9 for his recruiting Expenses and sundry necessities furnished his Company.

Ordered, that Captain Lilly proceed immediately to have the Brigg Liberty fitted in a proper manner to be employed as a cruiser in York River.

Ordered, a warrant to Mr. Michael Gratz, of Philadelphia, for £2800.13.4½ for sundry Goods purchased of him, Messrs. Young & Fowlkes.

Same to Peter Marks for use of Paul Thilman, £6.16.6 for prov's to sundry Companies, for use Samuel King £14.19.0, for use Mary Gambriel, £8.14.0, for use John Jones £10.1.0 for prov's to Capt. Jonet's Company, Albemarle.

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Same to James Grant for use of himself and 3 others for £4 as sailors for Potomac.

Colo. Daingerfield's Comm's delivered him, dated 29th February.

A warrant to Capt. Wm. Smith for £115.2.10½ for pay and prov's of his Camp min'te men (Glo'ster Battal'n).

Same to Isaac Herrin for £2.5.0 for a saddle lost in the Hampton Expedition.

Same to Capt. John Williams for £6 for waggonage, for use Joshua Randolph £6, David Herring £6, and for use of Wm. Pendleton £1.10.0 for Ditto.

Same to Jno. Slaughter for £9.15.6 for sundry services, &c., as quartermaster to ye Culpeper Battallion as per acc't.

The Comm'ee having receiving information that there is lodged in ye house of one Mr. Akiss, at North Landing, near Kemp's, sails, rigging, Tackle, and furniture said to be the property of one Blair, a noted Enemy of this country, The commanding officer in that quarter is desired to search for, take possession of, and secure the same till further order of this Comm'ee, and he is to transmit an Inventory of the same.

Commission issued to Captain Green and subalterns, dated Jan'y 20th; to Captain Markham and subalterns, dated Jan'y 21st; to Captain Seayers and subalterns, dated January 22d; to Captain Davis and subalterns, dated Jan'y 23d; to Capt. Fleming and subalterns, dated Jan'y 27th; to Captain Ballard and subalterns, dated Jan'y 29th; to Captain Campbell and subalterns, dated Feb. 3rd; and to Captain Gibson and subalterns, dated Feb. 4th—all of the first Regiment.

Same Comm's issued to Captain Johnson and subalterns, dated Jan'y 23d; to Captain Parker and subalterns, dated Jan'y 24th; to Captain Taliaferro and subalterns, dated Jan'y 25th; to Captain Nicholas and subalterns, dated Jan'y 28th; to Captain Fontaine and subalterns, dated Jan'y 30th; to Captain Meade and subalterns, dated Jan'y 31st; and to Captain Alexander and subalterns, dated Feb. 1st—all of the 2nd Regiment.

Adjourned 'til to-morrow 9 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, *March 27th, 1776.*

Present: The same members as yesterday.

Sales of the Rum and other Goods ordered for sale at Hampton, being returned, the Comm'ee allow Mr. Robert Bright, for his trouble for selling and receiving the money and paying it to the Treasurer, £12.10. Balance £484.2.1, ordered to be paid to the Treasurer.

A warrant to Colo. William Dangerfield for £200 upon acc't, for the furnishing necessaries for the Regiment under his command.

Ordered that Mr. Raleigh Colston deliver Col. Wm. Peachy, or order, for the use of the 5th Regiment, such necessary articles as they may want, now in his possession belonging to the Country.

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Commissions issued to Capt. Burgess Ball and his subaltern officers, dated 10th February, (of the Lancaster District) delivered Lieut. Fauntleroy.

A warrant to Mr. Henry Fauntleroy for £54.1 for use Griffin Garland, for prov's furnished Capt. Burgess Ball's Company of the 5th Regiment.

A warrant to Capt. Abram Beauford for £70.13.4 for Blankets and sundries fu. his Company of the Culpeper Minute Battallion, and for use Robt. Terrall for £89, for waggonage to s'd Battallion, for use Reuben Wall, 11s. 8 additional pay for driving waggon, for use Nathan Elkins £2.17.2 for D'o.

Same to Henry Brown for £16.0.½ for a quantity of Duck purchased by John Hawkins for public use.

A warrant to Capt. Spencer for use of Andrew Bourne £74 and for use Wm. Sabrey £74 for waggon hire to the Culpeper Battallion.

Same to Same for use of Rowland Thomas for £19 for prov's to Capt. Greenslomp, 1st Regiment prior to 28th Feb.

Same to Same for use of James Jameson for £1.10.0 for a Gun and for use Thomas Freman and Benj'n Bolen, 20s. for 2 musquets taken from the Enemy and deliv'd for the use of the public.

Same to Capt. Spencer for £150 upon account, for the purchase of arms and Blankets for his Company. Bond with security given and acknowledged.

Same to Same for use of Capt. James Slaughter for £30 upon acc't, as Quarter Master of Culpeper Battallion.

Same to James McDaniel for 20s. advanced pay as a sailor enlisted for the American Congress.

Same to Capt. John Jameson for £89.1.6 for Guns for use of the public and sundries for use of Culpeper Minute Battallion, (£41.2.0 for Guns.)

Same to Same for use of Rich'd Harvie £37.2.6, his wages as waggon master to the Troops at Norfolk.

A warrant to Capt. Wm. Picket for use of Nelson and O'Banion for £27 for waggon hire to the Culpeper Battallion.

Warrant to Capt. Wm. Picket for use Ensign Keith £4.5.0 for a complete stand of arms bo't by Major Lawson for public use.

Same to Capt. Picket for £24.19.8½ for sundries for his Company of the Culpeper batt'n.

Same to same for use Capt. Jno. Ashby £20.10.0 for recruiting expenses and Ballance of Bounty money in Fauquier County.

Ordered that a letter be written to Col. Clapham in answer to his of Feb'y 23rd and March 24th, informing him that we have sent him £360, to pay for the rifles mentioned by Chro. Perfect, that the Comm'ee agree

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to take all the good musquets that shall be made by the 5 or 6 hands he mentions by the 1st December next, and desire him to contract for the 12 large Rifles also mentioned.

A warrant to Col. Josias Clapham by hands of Chro. Perfect for £360 upon account for the purchase of Arms.

The Committee agree to take of Mr. James Hunter so many Falling Axes, Spades, Shovels and mattocks as will be necessary to supply 4 Regiments, and as many Picks as will be necessary for the 3rd Regiment.

Upon the recommendation of Capt. R'd Taylor the following officers are appointed on board the vessel of which he is app'd Capt., vizt: Edw'd Woynicott 1st mate, James Gray 2nd mate, James Blaws mid-shipman, and Henry Lyburn Pilot.

Philip Chamberlayne is appointed 1st mate of Capt. Muter's Cruiser.

An appointment of minute officers in Gloster District ret'd and o' R'd.

A warrant to Mathew Swan for £4, to be charged to the continent, being in part for bringing 2 Brass Cannon from Philadelphia.

Col. Fielding Lewis is desired to distribute the salt sent from Philadelphia among the following Counties in the proportion stated as follows:

King & Queen, 600 militia to receive 300 Bushels.

Essex, -	-	550	-	-	-	275
Caroline, -	-	800	-	-	-	400
Spotsylvania,	-	600	-	-	-	300
King George,	-	450	-	-	-	225
Richmond, -	-	300	-	-	-	150
Orange, -	-	600	-	-	-	300
Culpeper, -	-	1,200	-	-	-	600
Fauquier, -	-	1,100	-	-	-	550
Dunmore, -	-	1,050	-	-	-	525
Stafford, -	-	500	-	-	-	250
Middlesex, -	-	250	-	-	-	125

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A warrant to Mr. Laurence Slaughter for £39.6.7½ for prov's furnished Capt. Slaughter's Company, of the Culpeper Battallion; also for use Henry Mitchell £7.16.1 for sundrys for the army; and for use Edw'd Goodwin for £5.10.0 for Gun furnished Capt. Thornton's Company, 3rd Batt.

Same to Wm. Waddy for £81.15.0 for waggon hire to Troops at Hampton.

Ordered, that the Colonels of the minute Battallion in Southampton District, or in his absence the next commanding officer residing in Prince George, do direct 25 minute men of that county, under the command of a Lieut. and other proper officers, to be stationed on the south side of James River, at Brandon or such other place as the commanding officer shall think proper, for the protection of the inhabitants in that and the counties above it on the s'd River.